

# LOGOS

The word from Word of Life

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## 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

This month, actually during this whole year, there have been many occasions to celebrate as we have been reminded of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and the events that took place at that time in what is now Germany. Martin Luther's discovery in God's Word that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, and on account of Christ alone is as important for us to remember and to share as it was in Luther's day. We celebrate the message that was re-ignited through God's faithful servant, Martin Luther.

Martin Luther was a man of many words, some more bold than others but still pertinent for us today - "We live on earth only so that we should be a help to other people. Otherwise, it would be best if God would strangle us and let us die as soon as we were baptized and had begun to believe. For this reason, however, He lets us live that we may bring other people also to faith as He has done for us..." (underlining by writer of this article)

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of **The Lutheran Hour** wrote an article in the Sept.-Oct 2017 **The Lutheran Layman** which highlights how a person may leave the abundant grace of God behind. In summary:

- \* Equating your faith with a full schedule can cause you to ... feel like your faith is burning out.
- \* You may begin to believe that you totally understand the mind of God – you begin to believe that your knowledge is more important than your dependence on God's grace and your trust in Him.
- \* Neglecting faith friendships – as you try to live a holy life, you may become more critical and less compassionate of others.

"The only reason you do what you do is because of the abundant grace of God! The only reason you understand anything is because of God's grace revealed in His one and only Son! And in everything you cannot understand, God's grace will keep you strong. It will bring you home."

Take from this year's Reformation celebrations the desire to refresh your relationships and your commitment to share the saving news of God's Grace!

"God doesn't love us because of OUR Worth - We are of worth because God LOVE US." Martin Luther

Worship Texts for October					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Oct. 1	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-10	Philippians 2:1-18	Matthew 21:23-32
Oct. 8	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct. 15	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 22	20th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-13	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct. 29	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

### Exciting News from The Church at Clam Gulch



Here it is the end of September and we have been working on “The Gathering Place” since June of this year. Our goal has been to get the project dried by winter, and it will be!

We have enjoyed working alongside several skilled contractors and it has been a double blessing as the majority of their time was willingly donated. These contractors came from Anchorage, Hope, Kasilof and Ninilchik. Each willing worker, whether a contractor or one of the numerous volunteers from our congregation or the community, has come at just the right time for each part of the construction. We thank and praise God for His provisions.

Our congregation likes to call the building “The Gathering Place” because we see this as a place to come together not only for ourselves but for the community. We, the people, are the Church and the building is the place where we meet to worship our Lord and fellowship together.

We are located at Mile 122.1 on the Sterling Hwy. While the building is in process, the congregation meets in other locations. If you are interested in attending a Sunday evening meal (5:00pm)and/or service(6:00pm), you can contact us at 907-567-1067 (Jim and Evelyn Smith).

Thank you for your prayers and support!

**It is not from works that we are set free by the faith of Christ, but from the belief in works...**  
*Martin Luther*

*The churches one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord!*  
S. J. Stone 1866



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Sunday, October 1st  
Potluck at 5:00pm  
Communion Service at 6:00pm

- Word of Life Core Values**
- *Jesus is Lord.*
  - *Jesus is our guide.*
  - *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
  - *Prayer changes things.*
  - *Faith is God’s gracious gift that saves.*