

Pastor's Class  
February 10, 2010  
The Reformation: New Faces and The Book of Concord  
Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren

Welcome/Prayer

Review:

Martin Luther 1483-1546

Flow of Luther's Life: Crisis to Questions to Convictions

Key Learnings

1. Luther's experience of life influenced his thought.
2. Luther's thought brought renewal to the Church.
3. Luther's thought needed reformation as well.

New Faces: Philipp Melanchthon, Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin

Philipp Melanchthon 1497-156

German Reformer with Luther

Colleague of Luther at Wittenburg, Taught Greek

Unlike Luther, Melanchthon was moderate in tone

1521: Led the Reformation during Luther's Time at Wartburg

1530: Spoke on behalf of Luther at the Diet of Augsburg

Author of the Augsburg Confession

Melanchthon wrote the first summary of reformation theology

Ulrich Zwingli 1484-1531

Swiss Reformer

Ordained a Priest in 1506 after his education at Berne, Vienna and Basle

Like Luther, he witnessed the abuses and excesses of the Church

1518: Assumed a Preaching Post in Zurich – Very Popular

Gathered both political and spiritual power

1519: Lectured on the New Testament

Rejected: Purgatory, Cult hood of Saints, Clerical Celibacy and Monasticism

1522: Called for the Liberation of Believers from the Papacy

Focus on Scripture Alone

1523: 67 Theses Posted

City of Zurich Backed Zwingli over and against Rome

1525: Develop a Symbolic Understanding of the Eucharist

Conflict with Luther

Forerunner to the Reformed Traditions

## John Calvin 1509-1564

French Reformer

1523-1528: Studied Theology in Paris

1535: First Edition of the Institutes

The Institutes

Nature of the Church: Build up God's People

Sanctification: Personal Piety

1536: Came to Geneva

Appointed preacher and teacher to reform the Church in Geneva

Geneva: Blending of Church and State/Theocracy

Forerunner to the Presbyterians

## The Book of Concord

25 June 1580: First Edition of the Book of Concord

Recording of Reformation Documents

Over 80 Communities and 8000 Theologians Signed On

One source of our Lutheran Identity

7 Documents

## ELCA speaks of the Book of Concord in the Constitution

**\*C2.06.** This congregation accepts the other confessional writings in the Book of Concord, namely, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise, the Small Catechism, the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, as further valid interpretations of the faith of the Church.

## The Augsburg Confession 1530

German Reformation was in full swing

Rome called for the German Princes to explain themselves

Diet of Augsburg was convened

The Protestants under Philipp Melanchthon wrote out their convictions

Latin: Confessio Augustana

Theological Mission Statement for Lutherans

Article 7: Church is that place where the Word is Preached and the Sacraments administered.

## The Apology of the Augsburg Confession 1531

Defense of the Augsburg Confession

Written by Philip Melanchthon

After the Diet of Augsburg, the Church of Rome wrote a refutation

The Lutherans wrote a defense

### The Smalcald Articles 1537

In June of 1536, Rome sought to gather together the German Princes again  
So the German Princes agreed, and commissioned Luther and others to write  
This is their position paper  
First Section: Points of Agreement  
Second Section: Points of Disagreement  
Third Section: Doctrinal Topics on which all could find agreement

### Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope 1537

German Princes asked for an expansion of the Augsburg Confession on the papacy  
Philip Melancthon authored the text  
Rejection of an office that claimed superiority, authority and salvation  
Did not reject office of pastor/bishop just how it was functioning

### The Small Catechism 1529

Designed to be Family Resource and Teaching Tool  
Methodology: Asks the Question, what is this?  
10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Holy Communion, Prayers, Scripture

### The Large Catechism 1529

Designed to be Pastor's Resource and Teaching Tool  
Expounds on the Very Themes of the Small Catechism  
Much of the material originated as sermons of Luther

### Formula of Concord 1577

With Luther's Death and the advent of Different Protestant Thought,  
Division among the Lutherans was occurring  
The Formula of Concord was a project to lay out in writing Lutheran Thought  
Book of Concord was assembled  
Become our source of unity and theology

### Legacy of the Reformation

Lutheran World Federation and its 140 denominations and 68.9 million members  
Social Ministry  
Grace Centered Theology

### Questions

### What's Next?

## Lent 2010: Opening Your Bible

Over the course of Lent, Pr. Arthur is teaching a 6-part class on Opening Your Bible. This experience is designed to help everyone better understand how our Christian tradition understands scripture. Special emphasis is placed upon how each person can personally open their Bibles to deepen their faith. At the end of the class, each participant will have the tools to better enjoy the Bible and even to lead a Bible Study. Each participant will be given a set of Pr. Arthur's teaching notes for every class. If you always wanted to know how to better understand scripture, this is the opportunity for you!

Opening Your Bible: How Lutherans Approach the Bible  
Opening Your Bible: How to Read Scripture with a Spiritual Focus  
Opening Your Bible: How to Read Scripture with a Historical Focus  
Opening Your Bible: How to Read Scripture with a Literary Focus  
Opening Your Bible: How to Read Scripture with Lutheran Focus  
Opening Your Bible: How to Put It All Together

### Dates and Times

Thursdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m.

Sundays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11:15 a.m.

The class is designed for 45 minutes, leaving 15 minutes for questions.

### Location

Conference Room A