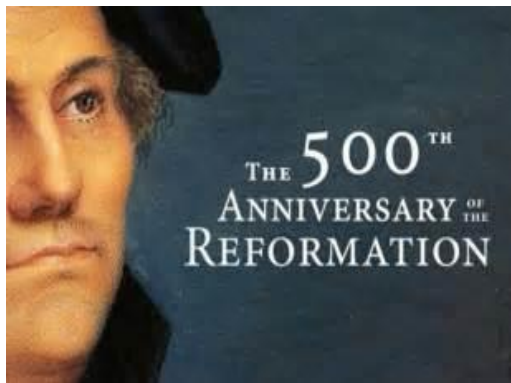


## Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity

# Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Christianity, now 2000 years old, was instituted by God “in the fullness of time” (i.e. at the right time), that God might redeem a fallen, corrupted and hurting world back to Himself. He stepped into Creation in the person of Jesus, providing a full revelation of Himself and of His perfect will for humankind, in order that “*all who believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life.*” (John 3:16)

Jesus instructed His Church to be His continuing presence in the world and, as His ambassadors, be the instrument of His ongoing redemption of humankind. Jesus commanded, “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*” (Matthew 28:19-20)



We the Church, although redeemed by Christ, are still sons and daughters of Adam tainted by our rebellion and “*The Fall,*” (Genesis 3). We do not always get “being followers of Christ” right, nor do we get “being the Church” right. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, the Church therefore found itself in need of reform, and a remarkable thing happened that we know as The Protestant Reformation. Men such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, John Knox and Thomas Cranmer stepped forward to correct deviations from the Truth once delivered to the Church through the Apostles. The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning in some areas of Church life and doctrine to the unchanged and unchanging revelation of God in Christ.

This upcoming All Saints Eve (October 31) marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning start of the Protestant Reformation when Martin Luther purportedly nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This anniversary gives us a great opportunity to connect with our Reformation heritage and revisit for ourselves these great truths that lay at the heart of the Reformation. In October and early November, we therefore are doing the following:



*Luther's 95 theses*

1. **Sunday preaching series on the “Five Solas:”** The Five Solas are five Latin phrases that emerged from the Protestant Reformation that summarize the Reformers' biblical principles.

Oct 1	<i>Sola Scriptura</i>	In Scripture Alone
Oct 8	<i>Solus Christus</i>	In Christ Alone
Oct 15	<i>Sola Fide</i>	In Faith Alone
Oct 22	<i>Sola Gratia</i>	Through Grace Alone
Oct 29	<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>	To the Glory of God Alone

If you have missed any of these sermons, you can find them on the church's website.

2. **Friday evening, Oct 20- the movie “Luther:”** This movie will be introduced with historical and theological background by Father Dan Brown.
3. **Friday evening, Saturday, and all Saint Sunday, Nov 3, 4, 5 - “A Reformation Celebration:”** With a covered-dish fellowship supper Friday evening, a fully-provided old-fashioned southern breakfast Saturday morning, and a catered lunch on Sunday, we will celebrate our Reformation heritage and discuss the life, work, witness and theology of the Reformers, and what that means to our life and witness as Christians today.

***An outline for our weekend is enclosed.***

This is surely going to be a transformative time for us as a church family. It can transformative to you.

**Mark your calendar!**

# ***Reformation Celebration***

## ***Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 3, 4, 5***

### **OBJECTIVES**

To build our relationship with the Lord by taking on the great Truths of the Reformation.

Connect us with their Reformation Heritage.

Paint a picture of the zeal, commitment and sacrifice to God and to His Church of the Reformers.

Instill in us a vision for the same zeal, commitment and sacrifice in our lives,

and for having a boldness to be biblical Christians in a non-biblical world.

### ***FRIDAY, 11/3***

6:00	Welcome, Dinner and worship		
6:55	<b>Session #1</b>	Reformation History Overview	<b>The Rev. Dan Brown</b>
8:15	<b>Session #2</b>	Theological Overview	<b>The Rev. Gary Bainton</b>
8:40	Q&A		
8:50	Prayers and Dismissal		

### ***SATURDAY, 11/4***

8:15	Fully provided old-fashion southern breakfast.		
8:50	Worship		
9:00	<b>Session # 3</b>	Recovery of Scripture as the only Infallible Rule of Faith & Practice.	<b>The Rev. Andy Lee</b>
10:00	<b>Session # 4</b>	Person and Work of Christ: Justification and Sanctification.	<b>The Rev. Gary Bainton</b>
11:00	<b>Session # 5</b>	Worship and Sacramental Theology	<b>The Rev. Dan Brown</b>
11:50	Noonday Prayers and Lunch (Provided)		
12:40	<b>Session # 6</b>	Ecclesiology: The Church	<b>The Rev. Rob Hartley</b>
1:30	Break	regather with music	
2:00	<b>Session # 7</b>	The Reformation in the British Isles	<b>The Rev. Rob Hartley</b>
2:50	Q&A, Closing Prayers and Dismissal		

### ***SUNDAY, 11/5***

11:30	Catered Lunch following Holy Eucharist (no adult forum of children's Sunday school)		
12:00	<b>Session # 8</b>	The Marks of Authentic Christianity in Light of the Reformation	<b>The Rev. Gary Bainton</b>
1:00	Q&A		
1:15	Closing Prayers and Dismissal		

***Soli Deo Gloria***