



Salem Lutheran Church
 401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450
 Welcome to the House of the Lord
 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 15, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

***Larger print bullets are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn Tune "Old 100th"*
 Setting by Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL *This Is My Commandment* **Senior Choir**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table*

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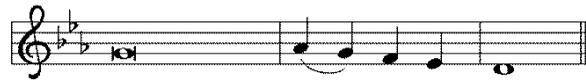
GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



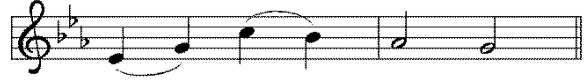
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

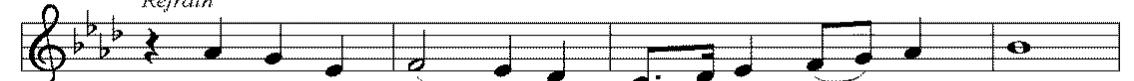


A - men, a - men.

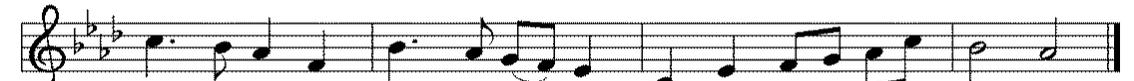
HYMN OF PRAISE

Women sing verse one, men verse two, all join in on verse three and the refrain:

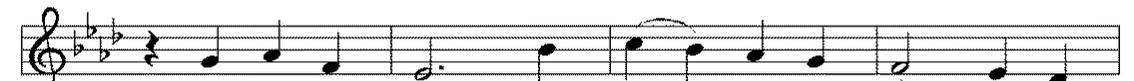
Refrain



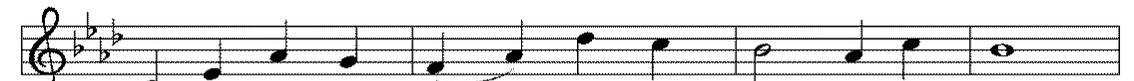
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



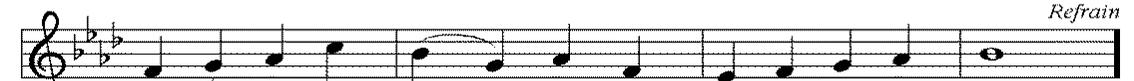
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



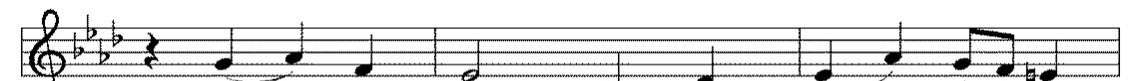
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

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A reading from Isaiah

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

As the Deer

Senior Choir

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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A reading from Philippians

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL**Matthew 22:1-14****Bible Page 24**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY***Welcome to the Hungry Feast***ELW #479****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***Apostle's Creed***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us O God, *your mercy is great.**A brief silence.*Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.****PEACE***We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING**MUSICAL OFFERING**

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

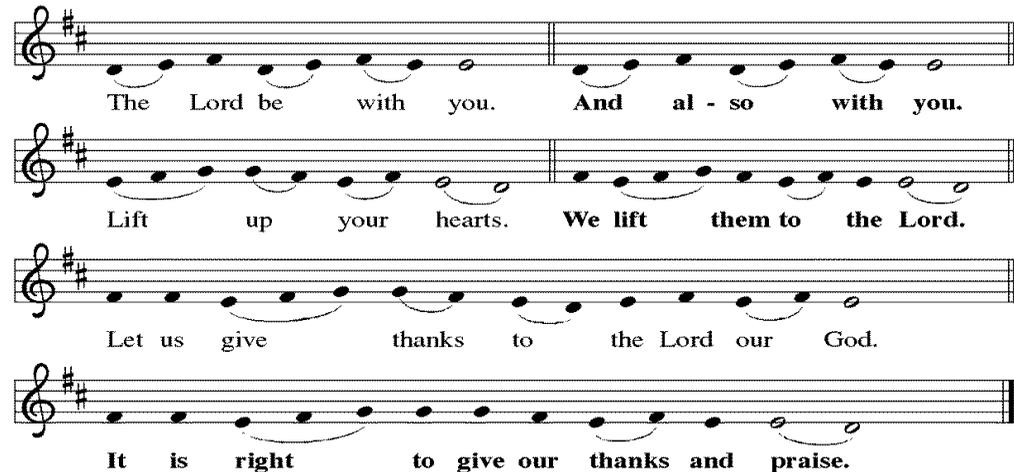


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

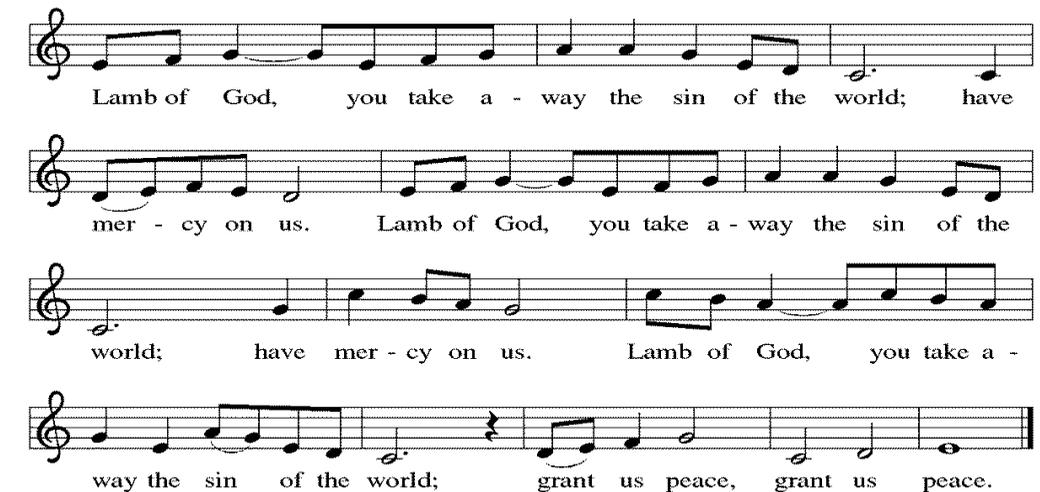
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

DISTRIBUTION

We practice eucharistic hospitality, meaning all are welcome to receive communion as we believe this is truly our Lord's Table and he offers his very self in this meal we share. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those who request. Those who are not communing with us are invited to come for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Dear Salem Members,

As you know, we are moving forward in our process of discernment and discover as we think together about the next chapter of life as a congregation. One of the most important parts of this process is to hear from you!

Our Leadership Team, with the support of our Church Council and under the guidance of our Kairos consultant, Tim Johnson, is leading us in a discovery process. The first step in that is to administer the Missional Assessment Profile (MAP). This is a congregational survey that is designed to help our leaders get a deeper sense of how our congregation engages in ministry and understand and imagines our future. It will also reveal some of what we see to be important as we anticipate what our next steps might be with regard to the proposed renovation. **YOUR INPUT IS CRITICAL IN THIS PROCESS.**

This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. MAP will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at Salem and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

If you have provided us with a current email address, within the coming days, you will receive a unique web link to complete the assessment online. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, please stop by the office and pick one up or get one in the narthex on Sunday mornings. As well, if you would like to give us your email address, please send it to Helen, at salem@wctatel.net and she will send you the link.

NOTE: If there is only one email address for all members of your household, it may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family, However, *please be sure your spouse and all young adults, confirmed and older, living in your home have an opportunity to complete the survey.* INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions. This will take no more than 20 minutes. All survey responses are strictly anonymous.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment and for helping to build Salem Lutheran Church's future.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Steffens at 641.592.5036.

**One in Christ invites Salem members to a
One In Christ Lutheran Parish ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

LOONY LUTHERANS IN: "HOLD THE LUTIFISK"

Sunday, November 5th - Motor Coach Bus loads: 11:30 am at Silver Lake Church - Total Cost: \$68.00. Show time: 2:00 pm @ Plymouth Play House. Sack Lunch for the Bus ride up is provided. Will stop eat at Old Country Buffet on way back.

Signup deadline is Wednesday, October 18.

Contact: Kathy Kreuscher: Cell phone: 641-590-1180 or Email: kathykreuscher@gmail.com
Mailing address: 1415 Canary Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007



**Celebrating Together
500 Year Anniversary of Reformation
With Neighboring Lutheran Churches**

**Reformation Tour of Sites & the Land by Bill & Linda
Tweeten and Rev. Steve Smith**
Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Salem's Sanctuary

"Luther" Movie

Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Showing at The Mills Theater in Lake Mills

Joint Reformation Worship and Fellowship Meal

Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church.

This will be a joint worship celebrating the Reformation Anniversary

All offerings will go to local and national benevolences.

The meal will be catered with costs covered by a free will offering.

Salem WELCA will meet Thursday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m. in Salem's Fellowship Hall.

The Hannah/Sarah Circle is in charge of the program:

***My Tour to Germany* by Linda Tweeten.**

Everyone is welcome!



Please keep the family and friends of Phyllis Brackey and Jim Tweed in your prayers.

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Those worshipping October 7/8:311 Giving: \$4011.98

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:35 a.m. 3rd Graders/Parents Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Tapestry Rehearsal – Choir Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room; St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:00 p.m. Getz/Ellingson Wedding Rehearsal/Dinner – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:00 p.m. Getz/Ellingson Wedding - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:35 a.m. 3rd Graders/Parents Bible Class
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Travelogue to Germany by Rev. Steve Smith & the Tweeten's - Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Tapestry Rehearsal – Choir Room

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ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

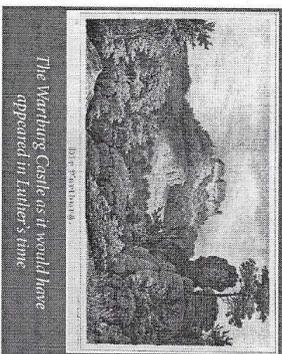
Martin Luther's German Bible

What version of the Bible do you hear and read? Just in English, we have many to choose from. They range from translations that aim to be as accurate as possible (such as the New Revised Standard Version) to others whose main objective is to be easy to understand, even if certain details get lost.

Imagine, though, if there were no Bible available in English—if such a thing didn't exist. What if the only Bible was in a language most didn't know and we had to rely on priests and scholars to tell us what was in the Bible? That was the situation in the Germany of Martin Luther's time. The Bible was most commonly found in Latin, though scholars could read it in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. An important part of Luther's reforms was recognizing that a German Bible was needed—and then actually creating it!

Sometimes things happen because it's the right time, and that seems to be the case with Luther's Bible. Johannes Gutenberg's invention of printing with movable type had come along a few decades earlier and was coming into widespread use. Luther recog-

nized the need to provide a Bible that ordinary, literate people could read. The many dialects of the German people were beginning to coalesce into a form that was widely understandable. Luther even had an artist friend, Lucas Cranach, who could provide illustrations for the Bible, aiding people's



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inally, Luther had the time to devote to the project.

The dispute with the Roman Catholic hierarchy that had begun with indulgences and Luther's Ninety-Five Theses had expanded and now came to a head with the imperial council (or "diet") held at Worms. Luther strongly defended his writings but still was condemned as an outlaw (in addition to already being named a heretic). He could have been arrested and executed, but his prince, Frederick the Wise, "kidnapped" him in April 1521 and hid him away in the Wartburg Castle. There the reformer had little to do, so he set out to begin his translation of the Bible.

He started with the New Testament. He had learned New Testament (*koine*) Greek, the original language, and so began with that, not Latin. Since the German language was still evolving, Luther would make trips into nearby towns to hear how people actually spoke. Luther returned to his home in Wittenberg in 1522, and within six months, his New Testament was published. After that he worked with other pastors and scholars to prepare the Old Testament. The complete Bible, with 117 woodcut illustrations, was first published in 1534. He revised it several times up until his death.

Luther's work on a German Bible was a landmark achievement. It influenced others in many countries, including England, to do the same. He brought the scriptures into the language of his people, and in so doing spread the gospel.

