# MARTIN LUTHER

Wild Boar In the Vineyard

## **Martin Luther's Youth**

- Born November 10, 1483
- Parents: Hans & Margaretha Luder
- Hans was common servant; worked in copper mine; rose to ownership of mines & smelter

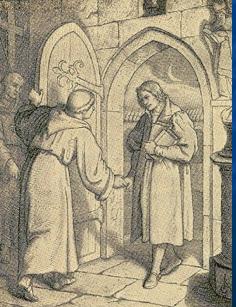


Martin went to University of Erfurt to study law

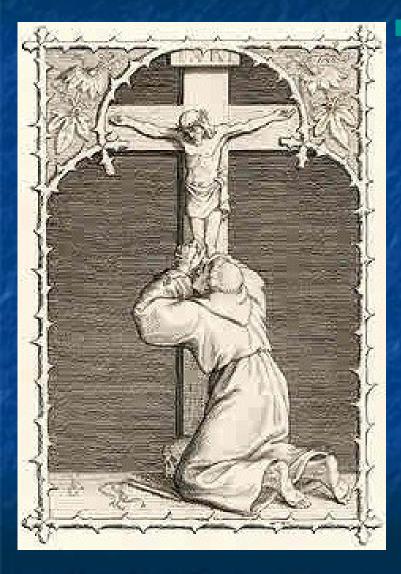
### Martin Luther's Entrance into Monastery

Caught in a thunderstorm at age 21, he cried: "Help me, St. Anne! I will become a monk!"

- Entered Augustinian Monastery, 1505 much to his father's dismay
- Ordained a priest
- Studied theology in preparation for teaching



## **Martin Luther's Confession**



**Tormented by sensitivity** 

#### to sin nature

 Extreme asceticism: prayer, fasts, sleep deprivation, cold, whipping himself

Constantly in confession

Luther: "If ever a monk got to heaven by his monkery, I was that Martin Luther's Trip to Rome Abbot Staupitz sent Luther on pilgrimage to Rome

Luther visited holiest places; crawled up Pilate's staircase

 Luther observed priests & bishops acting immorally & abusing their power



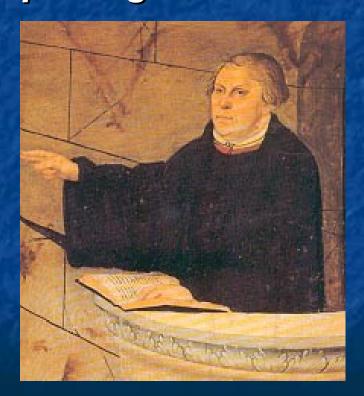
Luther: "I went with onions & returned with garlic"

## Martin Luther's Discovery

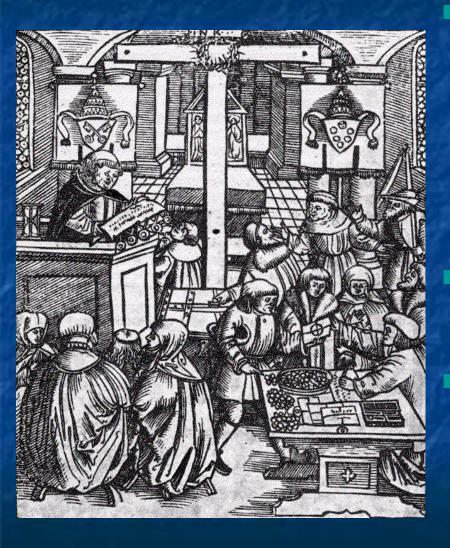
- Next Staupitz sent Luther to Wittenberg as theology professor
  - 1515, great discovery: Rom. 1:17
    - Gospel is revelation of justice of God
    - To Luther, justice of God was unbearable; yet, Gospel linked to God's justice
    - Justice does not refer to punishment of sinners; righteousness is given to those who live by faith
    - Justification is the free gift of God to sinners: righteousness is imputed by God who justifies humans by their faith in Jesus Christ

*"Here I felt as if I were entirely born again and had entered paradise itself through gates that had been flung open. The whole of Scripture gained a new* 

meaning. And from that point on the phrase the 'justice of God' no longer filled me with hatred, but rather became unspeakably sweet by virtue of a great love"



### **Controversy over Indulgences**



Leo X sold archbishopric of Mainz to Albert of Brandenburg to raise money to build St. Peter's

Albert hired John Tetzel to sell indulgences

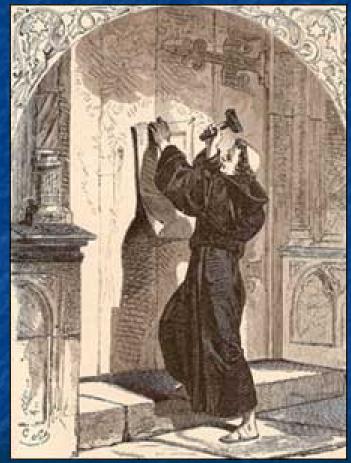
Tetzel: "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs"

### **95 Theses**

95 Theses written against the sale of indulgences

Nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517

95 Theses translated, printed, & distributed throughout Germany within 2 weeks



### **Selections from 95 Theses**

32. Those who suppose that on account of their letters of indulgence they are sure of salvation will be eternally damned along with their teachers.

36. Every Christian who truly repents has plenary (full) forgiveness both of punishment and guilt bestowed upon him, even without letters of indulgence.

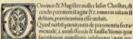
37. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a share in all the benefits of Christ and the Church, for God has granted him these, even without letters of indulgence.

### **Selections from 95 Theses**

81. This shameless preaching of pardons makes it hard even for learned men to defend the pope's honor against calumny or to answer the indubitably shrewd questions of the laity.

82. For example: "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love . . . For after all, he does release countless souls for the sake of sordid money contributed for the building of a cathedral? . . . "

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Heidelberg Disputation (May 1518)

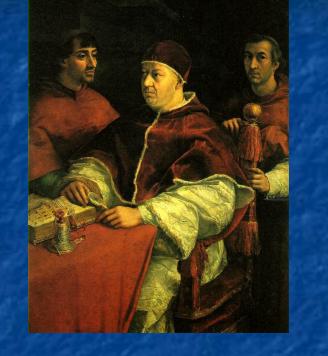
- Luther was put on trial before Augustinian General Council
- Introduced "Theology of the Cross":
  - Centrality of Cross
  - Only Jesus can forgive sins
  - Be willing to become nothing for God's glory

Attacked scholastic theology, which he called "Theology of Glory" – those who hate the cross & love works in order to obtain earthly glory

Martin Bucer attended & was persuaded

Leo X offered Luther

#### position of Cardinal if he would be silent





"How dare they try to buy me off!"

- Cardinal Cajetan, Dominican papal legate, was sent to stifle Luther
- Luther presented written arguments
  - Pope was not infallible
  - Authority of council was superior to pope
  - Sacraments apart from faith cannot save
  - Justification by faith was scriptural
  - Appealed to Bible as supreme authority
- Cajetan published order for Luther's arrest

- Leipzig Disputation (July 1519)
- John Maier of Eck vs. Luther
- Luther bested Eck through citation of Scripture by memory to prove that Christ, not pope, is head of church
- Eck accused Luther of being "Saxon Huss"
- At first Luther denied charge; during intermission, he researched Huss; came back to say: "We are all Hussites if we believe the Bible to be true"
- Luther's affirmation of Huss, convicted heretic, was dangerous admission

Why was Luther not killed in order to silence him?

He was protected by Frederick the Wise, who was able to manipulate pope & emperor



### **Three Treatises of 1520**

#### An Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation

- Attacked Three Walls pope erected around Scripture
  - Spiritual power of pope is above temporal powers of magistrates (preventing magistrates from instituting reform)
  - Interpretation of Scripture belongs only to pope
    Only pope can call council
- Insisted on "priesthood of believer"

**Three Treatises of 1520** The Babylonian Captivity of the Church Attacked sacramental system Affirmed 3 sacraments: baptism, Eucharist & penance (later affirmed only first 2) **Denied transubstantiation but affirmed real** presence (consubstantiation) Mass was not sacrifice but testament Faith is real element that gives value to sacraments

**Three Treatises of 1520** The Freedom of a Christian Exposition of relationship between faith & works Devotional work that shows that new person in Christ lives not to himself/ herself, but in Christ & for neighbor

Emphasized priesthood of believer

### **Papal Bull of Excommunication**

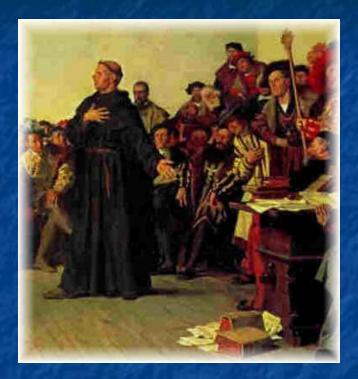
1520, Luther was threatened by papal bull: "Arise, O Lord, a wild boar is loose in the vineyard"

Luther burned papal document plus entire canon law



"Since they have burned my books," he said, "I burn theirs."

## Diet of Worms (April 17-18, 1521)



Charles V, HRE & king of Spain: "Surely one individual could not call into doubt the tradition of the entire church?"

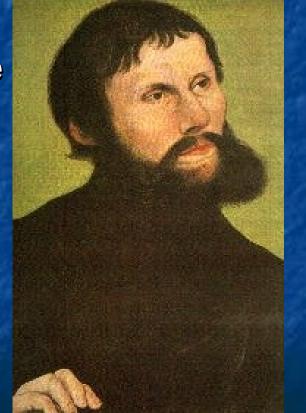
## Luther was ordered to recant his books

"Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear, and distinct ground of reasoning, my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. I can do no other. Here I stand. God help me. Amen"

### **Wartburg Castle**

Edict of Worms condemned Luther as civil criminal; 21 days "safe conduct" but predated May 6

- Kidnapped on the way home
  - Surrounded by hooded men
  - Taken to Wartburg Castle by order of Frederick the Wise for safety
- Knight George
  He hid for 10 months



### **German Bible**

- New Testament: translated in 11 weeks
- Old Testament & entire Bible in 1534



- Significance of the German Bible
  - Prompted Bible study & spread of Reformation
  - Popularized vernacular in other languages
  - Beginning of increased production of Bibles
  - Improved literacy
  - Unified German language: Luther = "Father of Modern German Language"

**4 Incidents that Limited Luther's Reformation** Andreas Bodenstein "Karlstadt" (1480-1541) Led reform in Luther's absence Celebrated radical mass on Christmas 1521 Without vestments **Integrated German** No reference to sacrifice No elevation of host **Bread & wine both given** Instigated iconoclastic riots & removed images from churches

4 Incidents that Limited Luther's Reformation

Andreas Bodenstein "Karlstadt" (1480-1541)
People were nerve-shattered by radical mass & iconoclastic riots
Luther returned to Wittenberg
Karlstadt was expelled from Saxony

### 4 Incidents that Limited Luther's Reformation Zwickau Prophets

Lay movement of men studying Scripture in Zwickau, Saxony

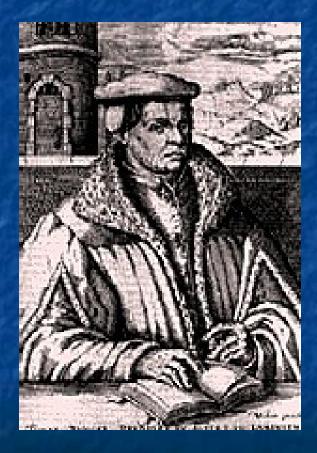
Tenets:

- Questioned infant baptism
- Emphasized immediate inspiration over biblical revelation (Spiritualistic Reformation)
- Influenced by Taborites (militant Bohemian Hussites) with revolutionary eschatology

Arrived in Wittenberg just after Christmas 1521

- Supported by Karlstadt
- Luther discerned their spirit to be "of the devil" & expelled them

### 4 Incidents that Limited Luther's Reformation



Thomas Müntzer (1489-1525)
Follower of Zwickau Prophets
Became critical of Luther, when Luther did not go far enough with Reformation

Advocated revolutionary means to obtain social justice 4 Incidents that Limited Luther's Reformation Peasants' Revolt

- Peasants discontent over economic suppression
- Luther's Freedom of a Christian taught priesthood of believer, interpreted as egalitarian society
- Müntzer incited peasants against authorities & asked Wittenberg for help; Luther refused
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Luther's Reaction:

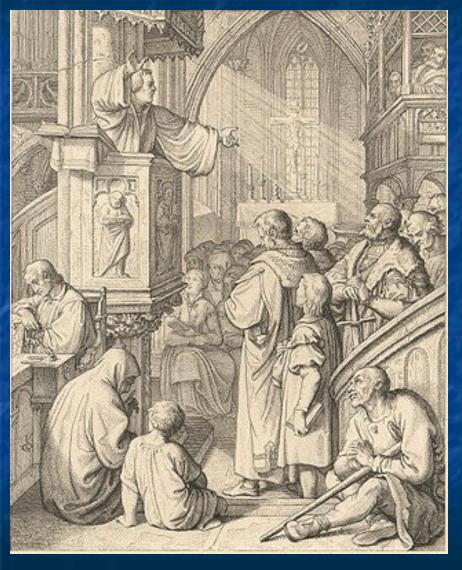
First, pled for princes to deal mercifully with peasants

Then, wrote Against the Robbing & Marauding Hordes of Peasants: "Smite, stab, slay the peasants!"

Divorced himself from peasants in order not to impugn Reformation

But lost faith in common people & weakened his base of support from them

### Wittenberg



After his return to Wittenberg, he continued work of Reformation & established Lutheran Church

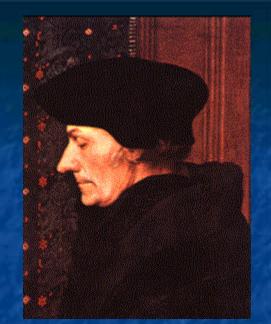
Wrote commentaries on every book except Revelation

Wrote Large & Small Catechisms

Wrote hymns ("Mighty Fortress Is Our God")

### **Debate with Erasmus**

Erasmus desired moral reform of Catholic Church & helped pave way for Reformation, but was unwilling to break from Catholic Church



- Compared to Augustinianism of Luther, Erasmus' theology was tinged with Pelagianism
  - Luther's *The Bondage of the Will* (1525) vs. Erasmus' *On Free Will* (1524)
    - Salvation by grace alone not by an act of the will (using sacraments and doing works).
    - Predestination: The hidden and revealed wills of God.
    - God produces a passive disposition, not a free will.

### **A Monk Re-Invents Family Life**

Marriage to Katherine von Bora (Martin was 41)

Established model for Protestant Parsonage

Parents of 6 children

Frederick the Wise gave them Luther's former Augustinian cloister as a wedding present; Katie remodeled it as hotel for income



### Luther's Wit & Wisdom on Marriage

There's a lot to get used to in the first year of marriage. One wakes up in the morning and finds a pair of pigtails on the pillow that were not there before.



If I should ever marry again, I would hew myself an obedient wife out of stone.

In domestic affairs I defer to Katie. Otherwise, I am led by the Holy Spirit.

According to one story, Luther locked himself in his study for 3 days, until Katie took the door off the hinges.

### **Protestants vs. Catholics**

#### **First Diet of Speyer (1526)**

- New policy: Cujus regio, eius religio ("whose region, his religion"); ruler's personal religion dictates his subjects' religion
- Within 3 years, most of N. Germany became Lutheran: state church

#### Second Diet of Speyer (1529)

- Roman Catholics free in Lutheran territories; Lutherans not free in Roman Catholic territories
- Lutheran princes wrote Protestations; hence, "Protestant Reformation"

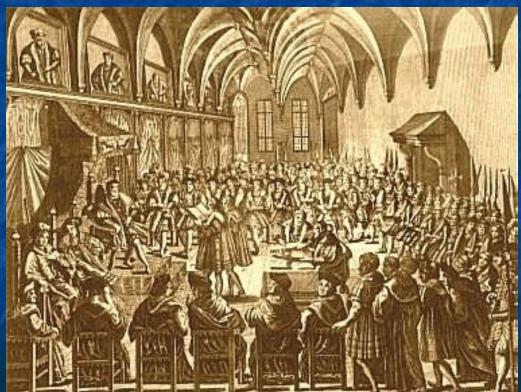
Protestants vs. Catholics
Marbourg Colloquy (1529)
Philip of Hesse wanted to unify all Protestants
Arranged meeting between Luther & Zwingli to unite German & Swiss Protestants

- Major doctrinal difference was over Lord's Supper
  - Luther real presence; Zwingli memorial
  - Luther wrote Hoc est meum corpum on table & would not budge

Agreement & alliance could not be achieved

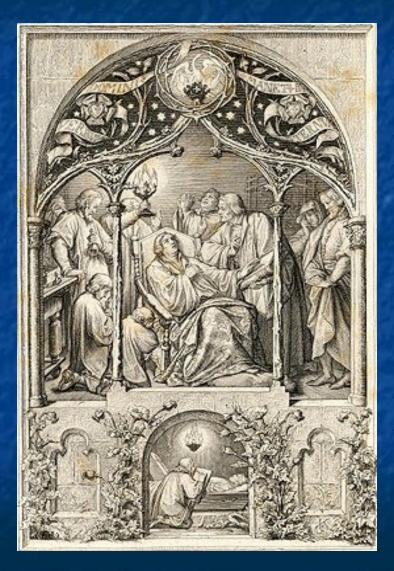
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Diet of Augsburg (1530)
Charles V needed unity against Turkish threat & attempted reconciliation of Protestants & Catholics

Luther could not attend because Edict of Worms was still in effect



**Protestants vs. Catholics Diet of Augsburg (1530)** Melanchthon & Luther composed Augsburg Confession **Justification by faith** Faith not just mental assent New life in Christ produces good works by God's grace, not good deeds of merit for salvation German princes signed; RCC gave one year to recant But war with Turks occupied HRE for 16 yrs.

### **Martin Luther's Death**



1546, Luther died: "When I die, I'm going to come back as a ghost & haunt the popes & his bishops. They'll have far more trouble with the dead Luther than they ever had with the live one."

# Martin Luther's Successor

Philip Melanchthon was named successor

 Real name: Schwarzerd, "Black Earth", Greek: melan chthon

Attended Marbourg Colloquy; coauthored Augsburg Confession



### **Martin Luther's Legacy**

- Salvation: justification by grace through faith
- Lord's Supper: consubstantiation Christ's presence with the elements
- Infant baptism
- Priesthood of the believer
- Union of church & state to retain support of German princes
- Anti-semitism



### **Martin Luther's Legacy**



Principles of Reformation
Sola Scriptura
Sola Fide
Sola Gratia
Sola Christus