



Rick Steves'
LUTHER AND THE
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in Christ **500** YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

DISCUSSION GUIDE

What information did you find new or surprising in the video?

What comparisons can you draw between Luther's time and our time?

How did Luther's realization that God's love is freely given, not earned, change his life?
Have you ever had an "aha moment" of faith that changed you?

Could the Reformation have happened without Katharina Luther? Without Lucas Cranach?
What would have been different? Who else was essential?

Why did the Peasants' Revolt happen? Do you think Luther should have supported it? Why or why not?

How does knowing that Luther unjustly persecuted Jewish people affect your view of him?
What should we do with that knowledge, as individuals and as communities? *For more information, check out **The Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community**.*

The film talks about Lutherans and Roman Catholics as having "different expressions of the same faith." What is similar about your expression of faith from that of your neighbors? What is different? What is the significance of distinguishing between "expression" and "faith?" *For more information on the current relationship between the two church bodies, read **Declaration on the Way** and **From Conflict to Communion**.*

Now that you've seen and discussed the film, what are your next steps? Is there something you'd like to read more about? A conversation you'd like to have? An activity or event you'd like to start?

*For more information on the relationships between Lutherans and people of other faiths, check out **ELCA.org/ecumenical**.*

If you'd like more information on the ELCA's observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, including resources and events, go to **ELCA500.org**.



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