

A LUTHERAN WELCOME TO A REFORMATION WAY

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if anybody
will read this.



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God Comes to Us

We don't go to God. God the creator comes to us in the flesh-and-blood world. Jesus reveals the depth of God's love.

Lutheran Christians believe God is something other than an idea. We believe God actually exists and acts in the world. We believe God speaks, shows up, demands, promises, creates, sustains, forgives, and delights.

Lutherans speak of God not in terms of propositions or philosophical suggestions but in terms of events and actions. We believe that God's word becomes embodied in ways that find and meet us where we are:

- in the tangible, tasteable sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion
- in the words spoken by pastors who preach God's promises as they are revealed in the ancient witness of the Bible
- in the community that God gathers to receive these sacraments and the proclaimed word and to embody them for one another





Lutherans believe God finds us most fully through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who shared our humanity, from the vulnerability of infancy all the way to his bitter and inevitable death on a cross.

The cross is the place where the life of God intersects with our lives most honestly and profoundly. This is the place where all our illusions about ourselves come to an end.

God comes to find and save us, and so God comes all the way.

The resurrection of Jesus is the surprising and death-destroying event by which God brings about something completely new: creatures who can love and trust God with every part of our being. God chooses this way of being God for us, not because we somehow deserve such a gift but because God loves us.

