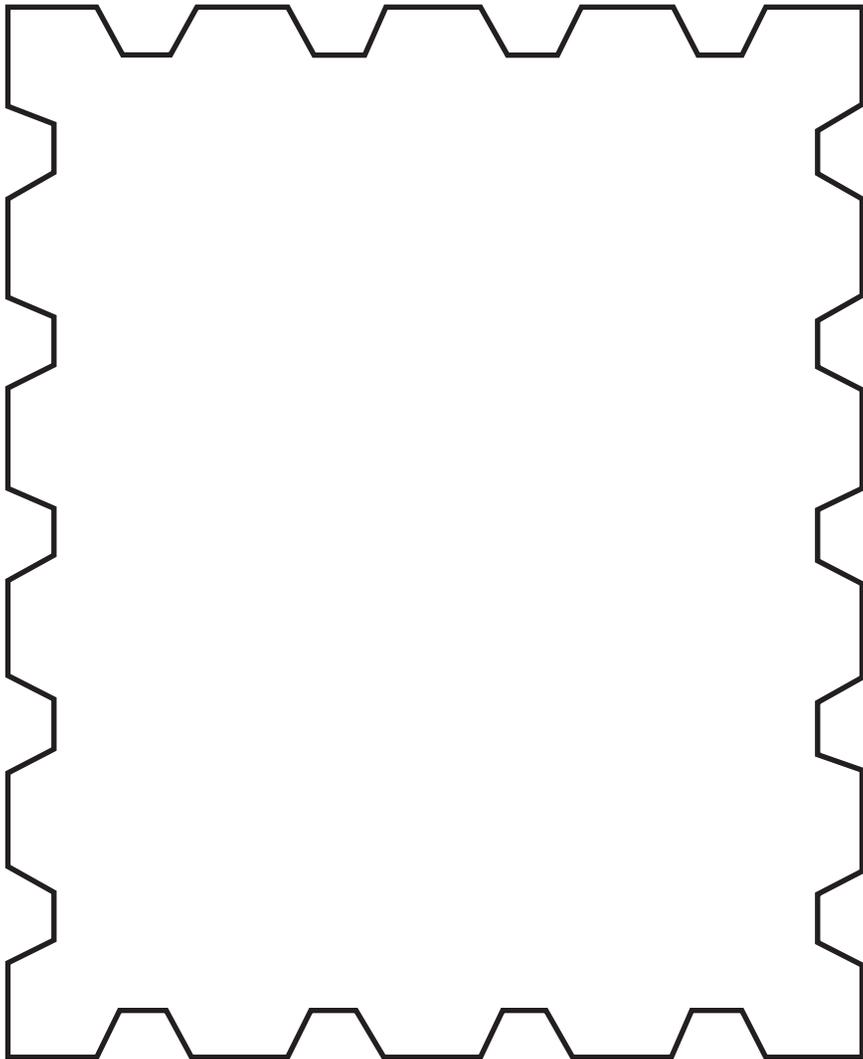


Martin Luther wrote the words to the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Are you singing it in church today?

A fortress was a big, strong castle where people could go to find safety and support.

**Design your own mighty fortress below.**



# PRE-READER

Reformation Sunday

- Today is **Reformation Sunday**.
- Today we celebrate the beginning of the **Lutheran Church**.
- The word **Lutheran** comes from Martin Luther's name!

**Martin Luther is sometimes pictured wearing an unusual hat. Circle the hat that you think Martin Luther wore. Then color in all the hats!**





**Martin Luther's ideas and actions were the beginning of the Lutheran Church!**

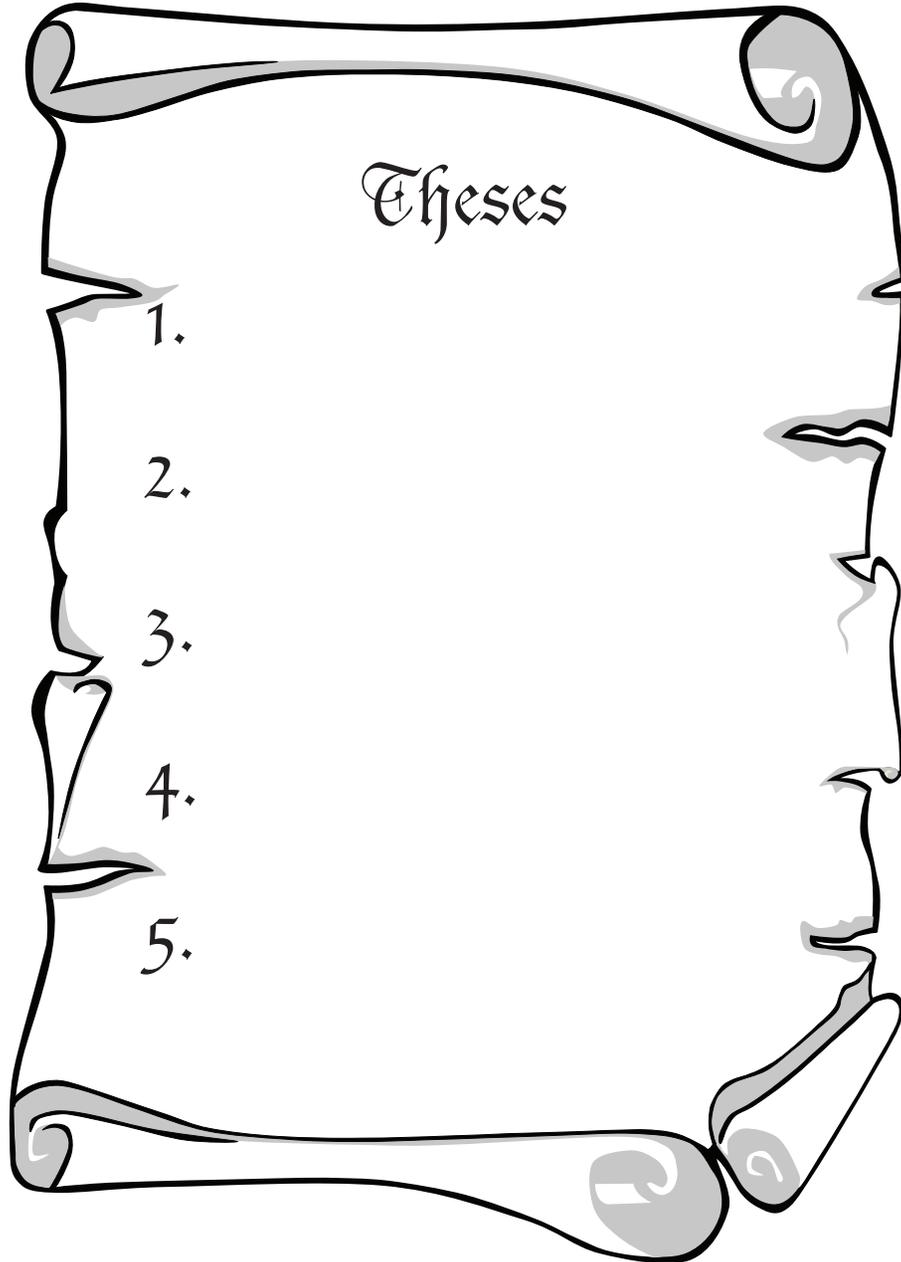
Martin Luther's actions began the *Reformation*. Reformation means "to form again." The word *Reformation* was used to describe a period of time 500 years ago when the church started to form again.

**Try some reforming of your own by making new pictures from these designs.**



## Your Theses

Reformation Sunday celebrates Martin Luther posting a list of things that he thought needed to change about the church. Now it's your turn! Below, write your own 5 ideas, or theses, that will help your church worship God and serve others.



# READER

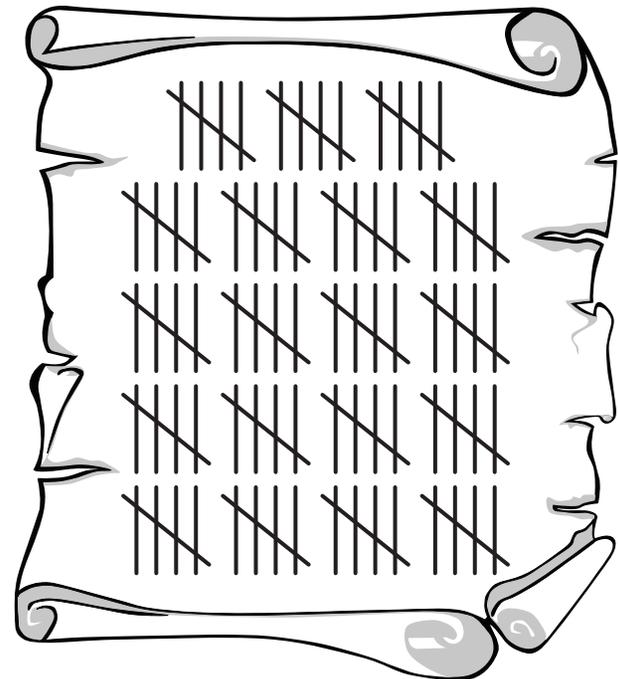
Reformation Sunday

- Today is **Reformation Sunday**.
- Today we celebrate the beginning of the **Lutheran Church**.
- **Martin Luther** is the reason the Lutheran Church exists today!

## How Many Theses?

On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate October 31, 1517! That was the day that Martin Luther posted a list of theses on the door of a Catholic church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther's theses were protests about the way the church worked at that time. He wanted to share his ideas about how to make the church better. This was a risky move, but many people say it began the Protestant Church. Can you count how many theses Martin Luther wrote and nailed to the door?

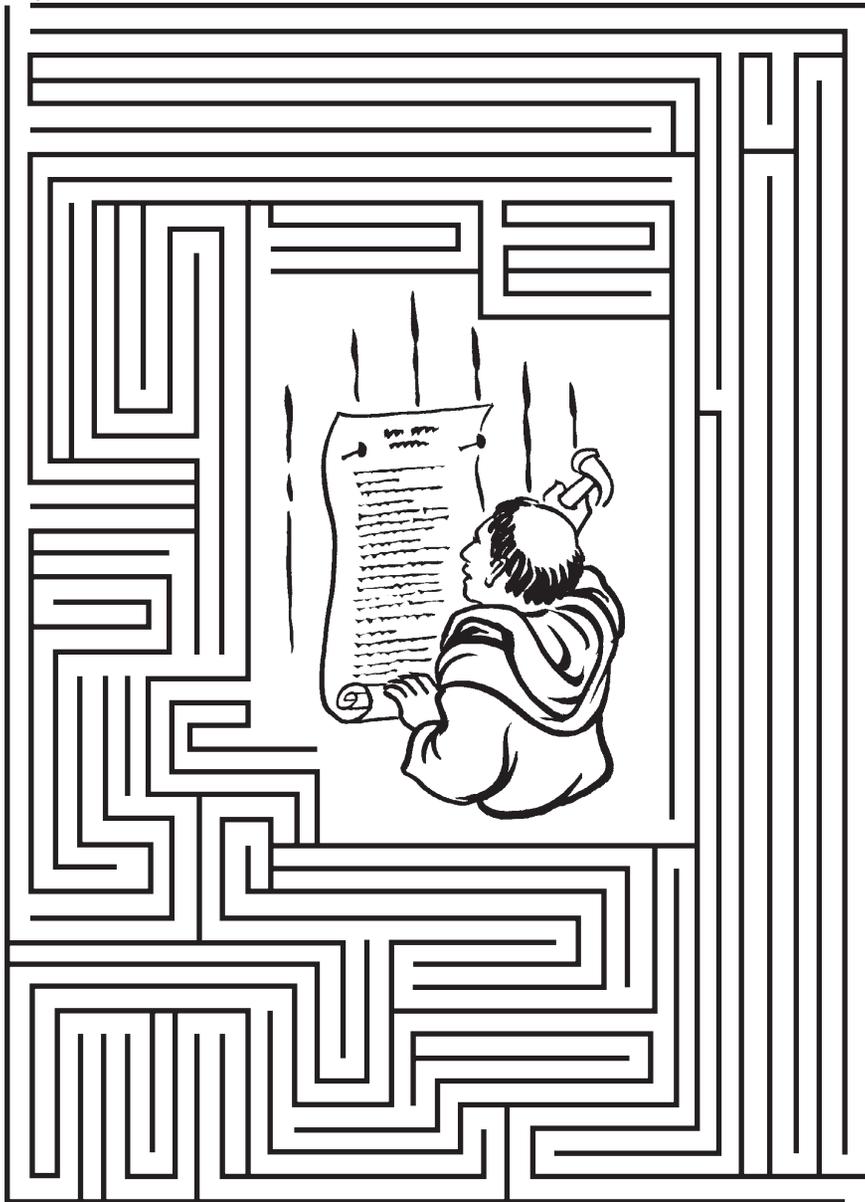
TOTAL NUMBER OF THESES: \_\_\_\_\_



## Martin's Maze

Help Martin Luther nail the 95 Theses to the church door by completing this maze!

START



END

## What's Lutheran?

Reformation Sunday celebrates the beginning of the Protestant Church, which gave birth to the Lutheran Church. In the box is a list of statements that describe both Catholicism and Lutheranism. Read them, figure out which tradition and rewrite them under the "Catholic" side or the "Lutheran" side. Are there any that fit in both?

- Ordains women and men to be ministers
- Claims that there is nothing you can do that will make God love you more or less
- Believes in purgatory, the step between earth and heaven
- Believes you have been saved by grace through faith
- Believes the bread and wine in communion is actually, literally, the body of Jesus
- Calls church services "mass"
- Has a Pope
- Pastors can be married and have children
- Teaches people to love God and love your neighbor

Catholicism

Lutheranism

Both