Christ With Us: Standing Strong Forever

October 26, 2025 + Joshua 4:1-3,9 + Part 3 of the series What Denomination Is CrossLife?

After a miracle of God, the people memorialized the experience by
(Joshua 4)
Look more closely at HIStory, and you'll see more clearly God'sin your story today, tomorrow and forever.
Would you risk death for a bunch of books?
"Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you." (Deuteronomy 4:2)
"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll." (Revelation 22:18,19)
"It is the promises of God that make the church, and not the church that makes the promise of God. For the is incomparably superior to the church" (Luther's Works, 36:107).
Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan

at the spot where <u>the priests who carried the ark of the covenant</u> had stood. (Joshua 4:9)

Summary & Steps

- **Believe**—Read **Romans 15:4-6**. How have you been encouraged by this series? What new appreciation or insight do you have for our "one mind and one voice" as WELS Christians?
- **Serve**—Carry the legacy of Luther's bold witness. "Invite Your One" begins next Sunday.
- Live—Watch *Martin Luther: A Return to Grace* on Amazon Prime. Celebrate the Reformation in your home or LifeGroup.
- **Grow**—Come back this afternoon for our WELS history watch party (Part 2 of 2) and potluck at 4:30pm.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Follow through with one of the next steps above. Involve a friend or your group for prayer, accountability and encouragement. Work on it together. Build a faith habit.
- 2. Read **Romans 15:4-6**. How have you been encouraged by this series? What new appreciation or insight do you have for our **"one mind and one voice"** as WELS Christians?
- 3. Martin Luther once prayed, "I will gladly remain silent and be a child and learner ... Therefore, dear God ... I will gladly forsake my point of view and understanding and let you rule alone through your Word. Amen" (Luther's Prayers, p. 91,92). *True or False*: A bold witness of faith to others doesn't happen without deep humility.
- 4. Watch *Martin Luther: A Return to Grace* on Amazon Prime. Celebrate the Reformation in your home or LifeGroup.
- 5. If you have attended the watch party, share with your group what you learned about WELS history and God's surprising grace.