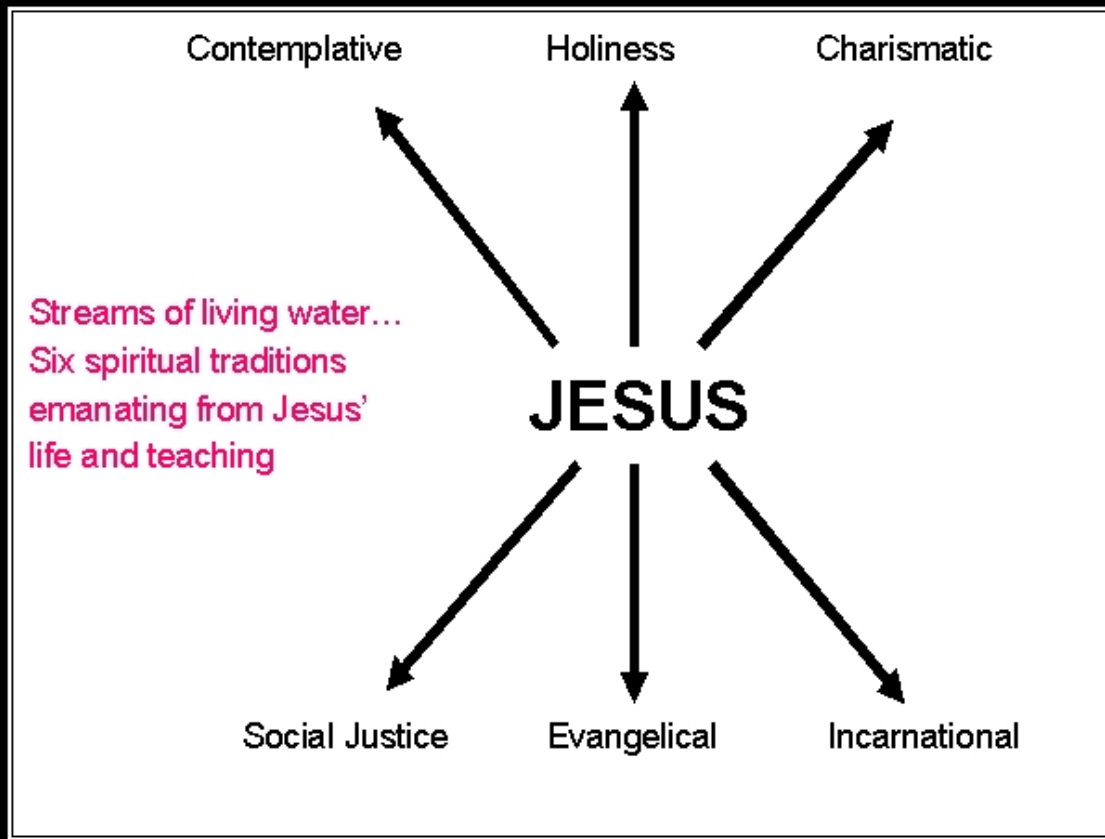


PRAYING IN FAITH

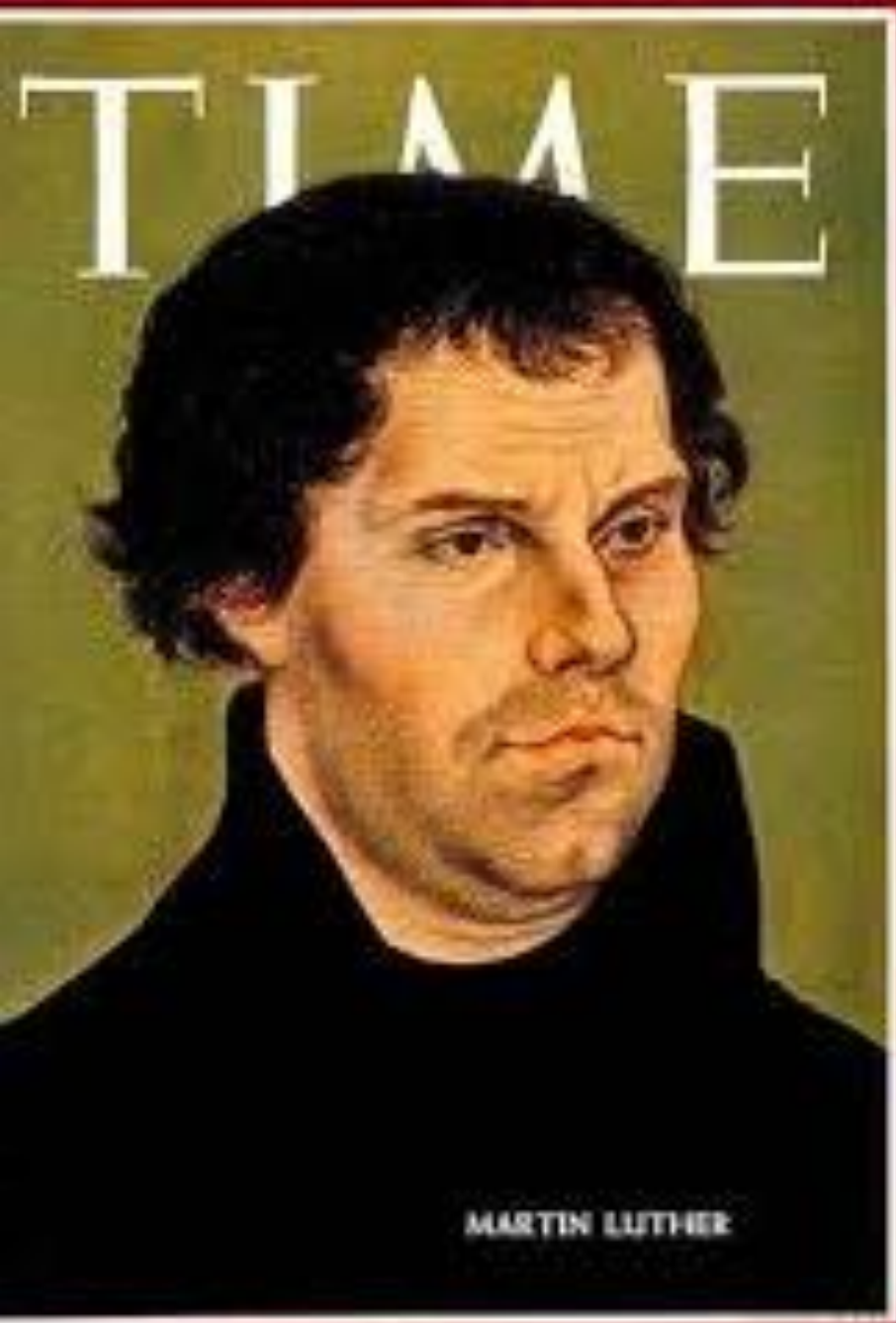
Epiphany Seattle
Spiritual Formation Forum Series

*Renovare Devotional Classics
Sunday October 28th @ 10 a.m.
Great Hall*



	<p>Mediation has no point unless it is firmly rooted in life.</p>	<p>Evelyn Underhill</p>		<p>Thinking about God gets you to the foot of the mountain Then Feeling Then Acting – pressing your <i>will</i> toward God</p>
	<p>We have been taught a false good life... The good life only is the life lived in the goodness of God.</p>	<p>Frank Laubach</p>		<p>Let God be your leader</p>
	<p>Make a time and place for God. Put God on your calendar.</p>	<p>Martin Luther</p>		<p>Always expect God to answer your prayers... And God always does.</p>
	<p>Be specific and ordered in your prayer.</p>			

The Contemplative Tradition



just the facts...

1. Born in Eisleben Germany (region of Saxony-Anhalt)
2. The nailing of his 95 Theses is just a legend
3. Martin Luther was not originally his name
4. His near death experience facilitated a dramatic conversion
5. He had a big influence on Christmas
6. He was “friendly kidnapped” to avoid punishment from the church
7. He translated the entire NT from Greek to German in just 11 weeks
8. His wife, an ex-nun, proposed marriage
9. He was very vulgar and crude

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing.”

Martin Luther





“You should confidently expect from God one of two things: either that your prayer will be granted, or, that if it is not granted, the granting of it would not be good for you.”

Devotional Frame

Table Talk

“Epistle
Sermon/4th
Sunday Advent”

“Treatise on
Good Works”

THE FEWER
THE WORDS,
THE BETTER
THE PRAYER.



Prayers of ...

Supplication

Petition

Thanksgiving

“Prayer is made vigorous by petitioning:
urgent by supplication; by thanksgiving,
pleasing and acceptable”



Discussion

Prayer, according to Luther, involves stating what is in our hearts. How open and honest, would you say, is your prayer life? Do you find it difficult to be yourself before God?



Praying with Expectation



Unceasing
Prayer

Praying in Faith

Laying the Need

“No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes”



Discussion

Of all the attitudes necessary for true prayer, perhaps none is more essential for Luther than trust. In what areas in your life do you find it difficult to trust God?



A portrait of Martin Luther, a German theologian, philosopher, and reformer. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a black cap and a dark, high-collared garment. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark, solid color.

Thank You!

Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!

-Martin Luther