### Martin Luther

The Freedom of a Christian

### The most important themes of the Christian faith

Pandemic Nationalism Gun Shootings Genderism Mental Illness Fear

# Health Concerns Work Concerns Relationship Concerns

### Luther taught the Bible

## All are created in God's image and All are inherently good

Human nature is distorted because of our bondage to sin...resulting in community breakdown, injustice and evil

We want to seize, through violence or cunning, what already belongs to us by grace:

LOVE

## When we don't believe the 'heart' of the Gospel —

We seek substitutes

God's ultimate response to sin is not punishment but healing, reconciliation, and freedom

### The Happy Exchange

Everything that is ours now belongs to Christ

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### Love begets Love

Love
The mark of a true Christian

## What does love look like in times of a pandemic and injustices?

What does love look like in the face of migrant children?

What does love look like in a society so divided by politics that even wearing a mask to protect our neighbors becomes a matter of conflict?

### The Freedom of a Christian

"Faith that we are accepted, even as unacceptable as we are..."

"Christians do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian.

They live in Christ through faith and in their neighbor through love" -