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**Area Churches Holding Community Worship Service
to Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation**

Collierville, Tennessee, USA – An ecumenical worship service to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Church of the Holy Communion, located at 4645 Walnut Grove Rd in Memphis. The worship service is being jointly hosted by Church of the Holy Communion, Epiphany Lutheran Church and other area ELCA congregations including Living Word Lutheran, Peace Lutheran and St. Luke Lutheran, and Kingsway Christian Church. This is a community-wide worship service open to all – we encourage everyone to wear red, the color symbolizing the Protestant Reformation.

The Protestant Reformation, enflamed by theologian Martin Luther's protests against Church corruption, remains relevant today with its message that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to neighbor and community. At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Luther spread the message to the populace that God is merciful and loving, and that faith is the work of God's Holy Spirit.

This special worship service will consist of a festival liturgy with Holy Communion, procession of church banners, music performed by combined church choirs, and Reformation-era pipe organ music. Pastors from all the participating churches will take part in the worship service.

The offering at this worship service will be designated to Lutheran Disaster Relief, with 100% going towards hurricane assistance.

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About the Protestant Reformation: For more information about the Reformation, please visit <https://www.elca500.org/about/>.

About Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA): The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with about 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information about the ELCA, please visit <http://www.elca.org/en/About>.

About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel at Kingsway Christian Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown (right next to Whole Foods). Epiphany's Community Garden, tended by volunteers, provided over 1,400 pounds of produce in 2016 to the Collierville Food Pantry and the Page Robbins Adult Day Center. For more information, contact Pastor Monica Weber, (901) 861-6227, or visit www.epiphanylu.org.

About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Agape Chapel, 1880 Wolf River Blvd., in Collierville, TN. Epiphany's Community Garden, tended by volunteers, provides over 1,400 pounds of produce annually to the Collierville Food Pantry and the Page Robbins Adult Day Center. For more information, contact Pastor Monica Weber, (901) 861-6227, or visit www.epiphanylu.org.

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