

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

700 South Broadway
New Ulm, MN 56073

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WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday 6:30 PM

*Following 1st & 3rd
Sundays of the Month
With Communion*

FELLOWSHIP TIME

10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 AM

ADULT STUDY

10:30 AM

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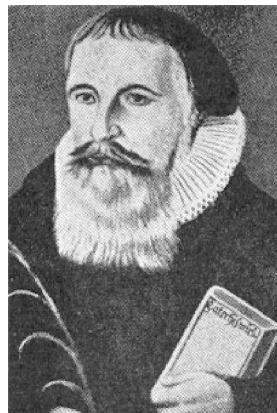
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THANKSGIVING... ... BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE HEART!

Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran minister, was in Eilenburg, Saxony, during the Thirty Years' War. A religious/political war that engulfed Europe from 1618-1648 and was waged primarily in the territory of Germany. The walled city of Eilenburg saw a steady stream of refugees pour through its gates. The Swedish army surrounded the city, and famine and plague were rampant. Eight hundred homes were destroyed, and the people began to perish.

There was a tremendous strain on the pastors who had to conduct dozens of funerals daily. Finally, the pastors, too, succumbed, and Rinkart was the only one left... doing 50 funerals a day!

When the Swedes demanded a huge ransom, Rinkart left the safety of the walls to plead for mercy. The Swedish commander, impressed by his faith and courage, lowered his demands. Soon afterward, the Thirty Years' War ended, and Rinkart wrote this hymn for a grand celebration service. It is a testament to his faith that, after such misery, he was able to write a hymn of abiding trust and gratitude toward God.



Martin Rinkart
1586-1649

- 1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!*
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Astonishing isn't it?

To think that such a familiar hymn, that we so often sing at thanksgiving time perhaps without even thought would have such a powerful and amazing back-story.

Remember give thanks with a grateful heart,