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- A volume that offers perspective and guidance for joint celebrations.
- Chooses the word "commemorate" instead of "celebrate." Raises the question of what exactly we remember, as well as how.

Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion—Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. Liturgical task force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. Posted Jan. 11, 2016. https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/dtpw-lrc-liturgy-2016_en.pdf.

A suggested order of service for Catholics and Lutherans (Protestants) together—

- Explicit opening Trinitarian greeting and closing Trinitarian benediction
- Acts of repentance, including Psalm 130
- Reading and joint preaching on John 15:1-5
- Commitments to 5 goals: begin from perspective of unity in Christ, look forward to transformation as we encounter each other, seek visible unity, together rediscover the power of the gospel for our time, witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world
- Use of the Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer

20-minute interview with Lutheran Prof. Timothy Wengert on a Catholic Comment radio program: <http://cucatholicctr.org/2015/11/from-conflict-to-communion-commemorating-the-reformation/>

Additional Lutheran World Federation Sources

- "All of our events and processes are carried out in accordance with the **three basic principles** being followed during the LWF's anniversary celebrations. As we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we wish to emphasize **the polycentric character** of the Reformation and the various contextual realities that gave rise to the Reformation movement. We also wish to pay close attention and find out which topics are able to move the people and societies of today, as part of an **ongoing Reformation**; and we will seek to celebrate the Reformation anniversary in a spirit of **ecumenical openness**, and deliberately take into account the results of ecumenical dialogue in the process of preparing the anniversary events."

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/we_are_in_the_midst_of_commemorating_the_500th_anniversary_of_the_reformation.pdf