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Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sisters and brothers,

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not only a time for reflection on the rich history of this church, but also a chance to look forward to what lies ahead for all of us. It's an exciting time to be Lutheran as we come together with the Roman Catholic Church on the foundation of our common heritage.

Rick Steves' *Luther and the Reformation* is a wonderful resource for all of us—pastors and lay people alike—to better understand our Lutheran roots and help us in our continued journey of understanding the gospel. I invite you to share this video with your congregation and use the discussion questions on elca.org/ricksteves to help guide a conversation in your community.

In God's peace,

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