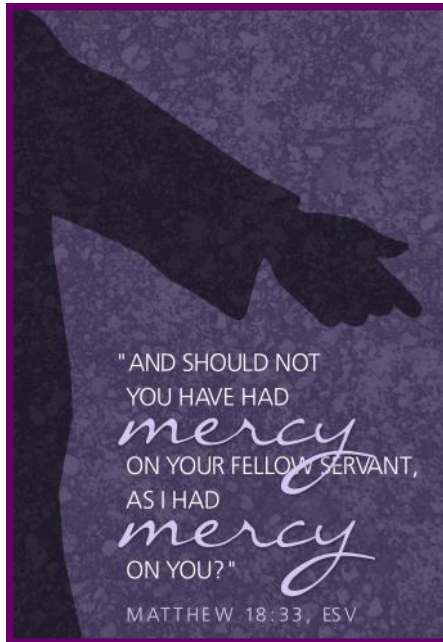


# Zion Lutheran Church



September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## [Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!](#)

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- [zlc.org](http://zlc.org) -- you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn -- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9



**P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

**C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!  
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!  
I have fled to you for | refuge!

Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



### **Old Testament Reading -- Genesis 50:15–21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Faith Bell Choir** -- *Sing Praise to God* (8:00 am)

**Grace Bell Choir** -- *Come Thou Almighty King* (10:30 am)

### **Epistle Reading -- Romans 14:1–12**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God."

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day -- Come Down, O Love Divine

#501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,  
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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Sermon

Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Gathering of Offerings

*Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

**C** ... Lord have mercy.

### Service of the Sacrament


#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

### Distribution Hymns

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"	#843
Jesus Sinners doth Receive	#609
Where Charity and Love Prevail	#845

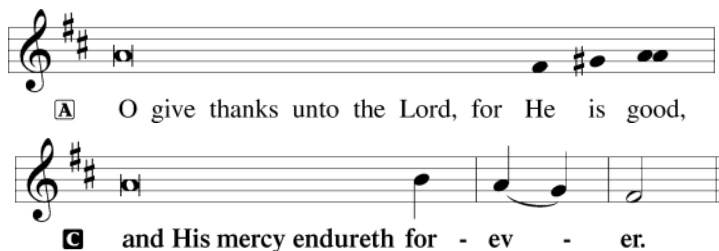


## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**

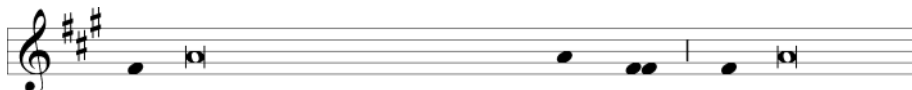


**A** Bless we the Lord.

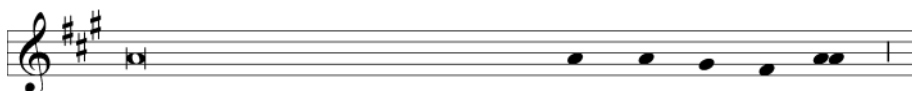


**C** Thanks be to God.

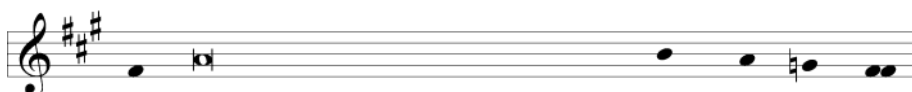
**Benediction**



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.





☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn -- Oh, Blest the House #862**



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn

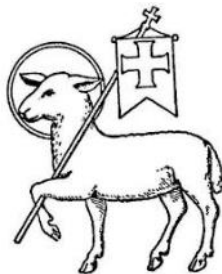


Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care or  
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Florence Boehme, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing & Strength for:** Pam Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Tom & Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante (cousin of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jim and Lisa Kress, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.



## *Service Participants*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Doug Krantz
<b>Elders:</b>	Jim Neill & Mike Wallace
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Emily Trentini (8 :00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joshua Grimenstein, Tim Sheldon, Larry & Janet Zreliak (8:00) Bob & Christian Bonacci, Aaron & Mike Kozak (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in memory of Jim & Ruth Miller; and by Nancy Klemash in memory of loved ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Sarah Ali in memory of Carl & Lola Schmidt.



**RALLY DAY** is today! A new school year is beginning, and it's the perfect time for families to Rally back to a great Sunday routine centered on the study of God's Word!

Weekly Sunday school classes are for kids in Pre-K -- 6th grade. Teens (7th gr. & up) and adults, meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study. Today's events begin at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall -- Join us!

**LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED** in a fun group? Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Join us Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 for choir rehearsal! We are flexible and can work around busy schedules. See Mark Killinger if you are interested; or contact him at 412-874-5976, [killingerued@hotmail.com](mailto:killingerued@hotmail.com)



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/10) -- 145 (10 am)

Mid-Week Worship Attendance (9/13) -- 10 (2 pm)

Plate Offerings (9/10) -- \$2893 Online Offering -- \$1345

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*



## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>9/17</b> RALLY DAY	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:00 AM -- Rally Day Festivities, Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>9/18</b>	6:00 PM -- 1st Year Confirmation 6:30 PM -- Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM -- 2nd Year Confirmation
<b>TUE</b> <b>9/19</b>	6:30 PM -- Grace Bell Choir 7:30 PM -- Choir
<b>WED</b> <b>9/20</b>	2:00 PM -- Mid-Week Worship/Bible Study
<b>THU</b> <b>9/21</b>	6:00 PM -- Adult Confirmation/New Member Class 7:00 PM -- Council Mtg.
<b>FRI</b> <b>9/22</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>9/23</b>	
<b>SUN</b> <b>9/24</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday school 10:30 AM -- Worship



# Upcoming Events

## Chrismon Crafting Nights

Thursday, September 21st, 7-9 pm.

Thursday, October 19th, 7-9 pm



September Chrismons

## Ladies' Fall Book Club & Potluck Sunday, November 12, 12-2 Fellowship Hall

Let's put on our Lutheran lenses and read the book that "Christianity Today" listed as the 27th most influential book in the lives of modern Christians. We'll talk about modern "Christian Fiction", mission life in America, revivalism, and so much more!



*Christy* by  
Catherine Marshall

### More SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, October 14th  
LWML Pittsburgh Zone Fall Rally  
Zion Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville

Sunday, December 10th, 6-9 pm  
Women's Ornament Exchange  
Napoli's Restaurant, Bridgeville

# Oktoberfest 2023

Saturday, October 7, 4 - 8 p.m.

Haven I



**For your Enjoyment:** The Mikey Dee Polka Band

**For your Appetite:** German-Themed Menu, Bake Sale

**For your Kids:** Bouncy Castle, Balloon Artist, Games, Pumpkin Decorating, Free Food and much more

**For your Curiosity:** Haven 1 Open House

**Fireworks at 7:45 p.m.**

Flu Shots (4-6 p.m.)

For more information call 724-352-8268

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is a “catechism”?

A catechism (pronounced KAT-eh-kizm) is a book of instruction usually written in question and answer form. The word “catechism” comes from the Greek word *katekhein*, which means “to instruct.” A catechism teaches the basics of the Christian faith.

## Why do we need catechisms?

While visiting local churches, Martin Luther found many pastors and their church members were unaware of the true teachings of the Bible. Because of this, the people were living immoral lives. Martin Luther wrote the catechisms to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith, that they might know Christ and His forgiveness and live accordingly. We still use Luther’s Large and Small Catechisms so that we never forget those things that are necessary for faith in Christ.



**Parents:** Consider these words from Luther: “I, too, am a theologian who has attained a fairly good practical knowledge and experience of Holy Scriptures through various dangers. But I do not so glory in this gift as not to join my children daily in prayerfully reciting the Catechism. ... For God gave the Word that we should impress it on ourselves. ... Without this practice our souls become rusty, as it were, and we lose ourselves” (Plass, Ewald M., *What Luther Says* vol. 1 [St. Louis: Concordia, 1986], 125–26).



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