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Catalogue of New Additions

A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World
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Lutheran theology is glorious and mysterious. It is relatable and applicable. It is for everyone, in any time, in any place. But it also can be intimidating. A Martyr's Faith in a Faithless World serves as a starting point for those looking to start reading theological works and deepen their understanding of Lutheran theology.

A Simple Way to Pray
248.32
Lu

When asked by his barber and good friend, Peter Beskendorf, for some practical guidance on how to prepare oneself for prayer, Luther responded by writing this brief treatise, first published in the spring of 1535.

Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America
239.9
Be

Robert Bennett describes real events and actual confessions people have shared with him of demonic encounters—in America, in our modern age. Summoning demons, interacting with “ghosts,” and holding séances led to what many may call horrifying hallucinations and even schizophrenia. But for many Americans, these things are their spirituality.

Affirming God's Image: Addressing the Transgender Question with Science and Scripture
261.83
Br

What is a knowledgeable, faithfully biblical response to transgenderism? In Affirming God's Image, J. Alan Branch takes a fair, respectful, and factual tone in addressing this complex issue through a biblical lens

And Take They Our Life: Martin Luther's Theology of Martyrdom
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Wo

Martin Luther had a robust theology of martyrdom, calling it the “pattern of the true Christian life.” Luther expected a martyr's death, and was ready for such a death. This essay digs into Luther's theological understanding of Christian suffering and death, and preaches Christ to fainting hearts, so that we too would joyful face persecution, suffering, and even death, knowing that Jesus waits for us.

The Augsburg Confession
238
Au

In the year 1530, the Lutherans were required to present their confession of faith before the Holy Roman Emperor in Augsburg, Germany. The Augsburg Confession was publicly presented on June 25, 1530.

Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge
230
Bu

When our Lord says, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10), what does He mean? God's Word promises that in whatever kind of storm we find ourselves in, Jesus always comes to us.

Being Lutheran
248.48
Su

Throw out all those notions you might have about what it means to be Lutheran. When it comes down to it, being Lutheran is really very simple. It's about following Jesus. We go where Jesus goes, we listen when Jesus speaks, we trust when Jesus promises. And we live because Jesus lives.

Behold the Lamb: An Introduction to the Signs and Symbols of the Church
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Ni

This booklet of prayers, meditations, hymns, and Scripture verses offers encouragement and guidance for the cancer survivor.

Blessed be His Name: Revealing the Sacred Names of God
248.4
Go

His name is revered above all other names. In modern society though, the name of the Lord is misused often without much thought to it. Come back to honoring the Lord's name by understanding what His name truly means.

Blessings and Prayers for Those with Cancer
242.4
Bo

This booklet of prayers, meditations, hymns, and Scripture verses offers encouragement and guidance for the cancer survivor.

Bible Answers for Parents of Curious Kids
248.82
St

“Mom, how big is God?” Dad, why do people get old and die?” Kids have questions—important questions. And they expect their parents to have all the answers. But what do you do when your children come at you with those head-scratchers that are sometimes hard even for adults to understand?

Broken: 7 Rules that Christians Ought to Break as Much as Possible
248.4
Fi

Author Jonathan Fisk calls them the seven “counterfeit Christian rules that every Christian ought to break as often as possible,” because they are seven myths that have infiltrated the churches in our age, seven teachings taught as if they were doctrine, but which are nothing more than the traditions of men.

Affirming God’s Image: Addressing the Transgender Question with Science and Scripture
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Callings for Life: God’s Plan, Your Purpose
248.4
Le

The truth is, there is no one thing that you’re meant to do. There are multiple. God gives you more than one calling in life, asking you to do many things in His plan for your life. Understanding your callings is difficult for all ages though: from recent graduates to adults in established careers. But no matter where you are in life, God wants you to see your callings and understand His plan for you.

Cancer: Now What?
616.9
Ha

This book is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer.

Celebrating the Saints
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We

Celebrating the Saints introduces you to a collection of feasts and festivals, as well as saints in both Testaments and from nineteen centuries of the Church’s life. Historical sketches and devotional writings in step with the liturgical calendar in *Lutheran Service Book* reveal these saints not as great exceptions, but great examples of our heavenly Father’s faithfulness.

The Christian Difference: A Comparison of World Religions
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Ch

Each of these religions is compared with Christianity, providing ideas for how to talk to neighbors, family members, fellow students, or co-workers who follow one or another of these beliefs. Each chapter was written by an expert author with a deep interest or experience with the specific religion, written with the intent to give you common ground for you to share your faith in Jesus Christ.

Chosen: A Study of Esther
230
Sn

God’s presence surrounds Esther throughout the entirety of her narrative. While God’s name is never stated, you can easily tell how God is working and weaving His plan to fruition through Esther. His presence, even in his seeming absence, is clear.

Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation Through Community
250
Da

Christ’s Church is never isolated. We are always together as believers. Learn to encourage this community in your congregation, and how to bring others out of their isolation to find community in your Church.

Connected to Christ: Witnessing in Everyday Life
248.5
Wo

Witnessing starts simply: with one person, broken by sin, speaking to another broken person. Together, they follow the Holy Spirit’s guidance to find the ultimate Healer: Christ. It doesn’t require your life being perfect, nor does it require a vast knowledge of Christianity.

College 101: A Christian Survival Guide
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College 101 is filled with practical advice on how Christian students can be preparing for the challenges of life on campus. Developed by college students, the words of advice and counsel are genuine, honest, and insightful.

Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation
230
Bu

This six-session Bible study examines the role the physical body plays in life and death, the experience of dying, and the nature of the new creation and our resurrected bodies.

Chosen by God: Discipleship Series
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Fr

Who are the elect? This study will discuss the biblical mystery of election and encourages readers to anticipate the joys of heaven.

The Defense Never Rests: A Lawyer Among the Theologians
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Parton presents a hard-hitting critique of shallow, pop-style worship and theology. Readers will also appreciate Parton’s honest, systematic approach to apologetics that tackles the tough questions of how to explain the Christian faith in a way that always points back to Christ’s work. This new edition features sections dealing with the challenges of New Atheism, Bart Ehrman, and the new wave of biblical criticism.

Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman
230
Ah

Proverbs 31:10–31 has become a beloved, often quoted passage—yet it is often misunderstood and misapplied. As today’s culture lauds the woman who does and has it all, Christians seek to reconcile what they hear from the secular, feminist world with what God says in His Word.

Embracing Godly Character: The Christian Community’s Response to a Godless Culture
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We live in a godless culture. What are we to do when the faith of the next generation is threatened and challenged? We respond by embracing godly character. Embracing godly character means exploring how to center our lives on God’s Word and promises. It means learning how the Christian community of old responded to similar cultural challenges. And it means being rooted in the identity God has given us through Christ.

Ethics of Sex
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Gr

Breaking through the noise of our hyper-sexualized Western culture, *Ethics of Sex* is a much-needed, masterful compilation that speaks to the nature of Christian sexual ethics as simultaneously positive and prohibitive. Ten distinct yet interrelated essays invite us back to a way of life in harmony with the Lord’s created order, an order that bears fruit in intimacy, compassion, love, and joy.

Equipped: The Armor of God for Everyday Struggles
235.4
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The devil is working daily to make you turn away from your faith. Sometimes though, it’s not in grand efforts, but in the small ones your encounter every day. The devil can work through exhaustion, anxiety, temptation, and frustration, all common daily occurrences. But God provides strength to battle the devil’s ways by giving you His armor. Follow along in *Ephesians 6* to see the armor God equips you with to defend yourself against Satan.

The Executioner’s Redemption
261.83
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When young Tim Carter started working at a prison to make money for college, he didn’t realize that he was signing away his life, his heart, and his very self to a career of brutal violence and routine executions. In the midst of the darkness of prison life, the light of God’s Word shone in front of him. The wrenching account of one man’s journey from executioner to pastor.

Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic
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John Pless and Jacob Corzine work together to give clarity through Luther’s teachings, Psalms, Scripture, and personal experience to bring a well-rounded explanation concerning the Church and COVID-19.

Faith that Sees Through the Culture

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It's tempting to see these paradoxes as either-or statements—one must be true and the other must be false. End of story. Case closed. But the paradoxes in the Word of God are different. They are both-and statements, at once seeming contradictory but both being wholly and completely true. As Christians, we live in this tension, embracing that two sides of the same coin can be true at the same time.

5 Things You Can Do to Appreciate Science and Love the Bible

231.7
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The debate between those who hold to the theorems and models of science and those who hold that the Bible is the Word of God and must be true influences greatly how we think about things. Does your belief in God and His Word mean you need to reject all of science? Is there a faithful way to integrate science and faith?

Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness

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Forgiveness is the one gift we absolutely need from God. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we know we can now come into God's presence and, covered by forgiveness, walk in His peace. We wouldn't be anywhere near God without forgiveness.

Forgiveness: Received From God, Extended to Others

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When someone has offended us, the temptation to not forgive is great. But the roots of unforgiveness and bitterness can grow deep in the human soul. Left alone, unforgiveness produces bitter fruit that shows itself in angry thoughts, words, and deeds. Eventually, it will destroy us from the inside out. Through this study, you will learn of the rich, life-altering teachings God's Word offers about forgiveness.

From Atheism to Christianity: The Story of C.S. Lewis

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From Atheism to Christianity: The Story of C. S. Lewis is the spiritual home-coming story of Clive Staples Lewis, a careful and thoughtful scholar who spent fifteen years journeying the long road from atheism to theism and, eventually, to Christianity.

Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths

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Drowned. Burned. Hanged. Crushed. Stabbed. Eaten by dogs. This is not a book of fairy tales. Happy endings are few and far-between. This is a book of history—true tales of people who lived and died long ago.

Getting Through Grief: For Youth

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Grief can make you feel as if there is no way out. But before you give in, know that that is not true. Your loss and pain do not have the last word, Jesus does.

Grace, Faith, Scripture: Portrait of a Lutheran

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Lutherans are people of the Bible, basing their faith on God's Word alone. In that Word, they find grace alone is the central message of God in His relationship with believers. To receive that gift, you need faith alone. These three solas are Lutheran hallmarks, but they are also God's gifts to all Christians.

The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook

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Every Bible story has a purpose. More important, every story points us to Jesus! Discover these 125 narratives with beautiful, realistic illustrations that bring the Bible to life, especially for children ages 6 through 8.

The God of All Comfort: 8 Lessons About Hope in Christ

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Py

Life is hard. And really hard for some of us. We suffer, grow discouraged, and struggle with sin. But when we view our sufferings from the balcony of faith, we rest in the assurance that God never leaves us unloved or uncared for. His hope is a beacon of comfort.

The Hammer of God

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Has American Christianity Failed?

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Hero of Faith: C.F.W. Walther

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Hope When Your Heart Breaks

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How to Read the Bible with Understanding

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How to Respond to Jehovah's Witnesses

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How to Respond to the Mormons

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How to Respond to Muslims

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How to Respond to the New Age Movement

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How to Respond to Judaism

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Librarian Recommended - In this bestselling novel, three pastors learn the necessity of relying on God's grace. They fall short of their pastoral duties through public humiliation, self-doubt, inability to accept God's promises in their own lives, and divisions and quarreling among their parishioners. Ultimately each man rejects temptations and permits the Holy Spirit to work through him.

American Christianity teaches the centrality of the individual—my will, my experiences, my decision, my heart, my work, and my dedication. Yet we couldn't be more unaware that Christ and His saving and comforting work are being lost. Our minds and hearts are captivated in some way by those who often preach the Christian instead of Christ.

Young Adult - Born into a devout Christian family, Ferdinand wanted to serve God and sought to follow him faithfully. But life for Ferdinand held sickness, disillusionment, and a series of other challenges in a strange new land far from home. Still, God never abandoned Ferdinand.

Whether you have lost a job, a dream, a friendship, or a loved one, you mourn. You might mourn for a few weeks, or your grief may extend for years. Sadness seems to build a permanent residence in your bones, weighing down your soul. You wonder if you'll ever feel whole again. Then—hope. God plunges into your heartbreak and works abiding and holy transformation in your life.

Reading the Bible with understanding is not about merely learning the history of God's people or the storyline of great literature. Instead, God desires readers to understand the facts in light of His salvation plan for the whole world.

The next time Jehovah's Witnesses knock on your door, will you be prepared to explain your religious beliefs? This book gives you the necessary knowledge and insight to defend your faith and clearly present the Gospel when talking with Jehovah's Witnesses.

Who are the Mormons? It is common to see Mormon missionaries—usually two young men, clean, shaven, dressed in white shirts and ties—knocking on doors in your neighborhood. What do these missionaries stand for? What do the Mormons believe? This book gives you the answers and necessary information to understand what Mormonism teaches.

There are over one billion Muslims worldwide, and the number continues to rise. With this practical book, you will gain a better understanding of what this growing religious group believes and its views on Christianity.

What is the New Age Movement? This book gives insightful answers to many questions regarding this movement and the practices associated with it. You will learn how to identify New Age beliefs when you are confronted with them.

Over the centuries, the Christian Church has responded to Judaism in various ways including anti-Semitism, peaceful coexistence, and evangelism. With this book, you will see what the Bible says about the Jewish people and learn how you can respond to this historic faith.

I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare

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I Am Not Afraid is Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett's fascinating first-hand account of the spiritual warfare found within the Lutheran Church of Madagascar. Is spiritual warfare something new to the Church? Bennett reviews what the Bible, Church Fathers, and contemporary Lutheran leaders have to say.

Inside the Reformation

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Inside the Reformation is a visual journey through the Reformation with concise text and richly designed pages.

In the Beginning, God

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This booklet sets forth the position of the Bible on the message of Genesis 1, particularly as it has to do with the creation/evolution debate.

John Frederick the Magnanimous

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Me

This biography of the Saxon elector who ruled from 1532 to 1547 is the first-ever English translation of Georg Mentz's original biography of John Frederick. Featuring abundant coverage of the elector's life and the political issues he faced, this biography also provides useful background for the study of Luther's later years, as well as a description of the Smalcald War following Luther's death.

Journey into Prayer

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Prayer is a lifetime journey. Along the way you may encounter road blocks or wrong turns, but Journey into Prayer provides a solid road map for reaching the ultimate destination: personal conversation with God in His Word.

Katie Luther: The Graphic Novel: Mother of the Reformation

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Le

If Martin Luther was the father of the Reformation, then his wife, Katie, was its mother. Intelligent, strong-willed, and curious, she is perhaps the only woman who could have been Martin's match.

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community

248
Bo

Life Together is a book by the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written while Bonhoeffer taught at an underground seminary. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.

Living with Dying: Blessings and Prayers for Those Who Grieve

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This Christ-centered devotional is designed to be a convenient take-along re- source to help readers find the comfort provided by the Christian understand- ing of death. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection we realize that even while dying and death can cause pain and grief, death has no ultimate power over us.

Living with Grief: Bound by Sorrow, Wrapped in Comfort

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Are you still grieving even months after the passing of someone in your life? The effects of grief, loss, and mourning are long lived, even if it seems the rest of the world has moved on. Sometimes you question your faith, wondering where Christ could possibly be in the midst of this mess or why Christ would take this beloved person from you.

Luther: Biography of a Reformer

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Martin Luther had one goal: peace with God. He didn't find it in the holy relics and indulgences of the church or in life as an obedient monk. Luther discovered God's treasure of truth buried under human laws and regulations. He discovered the Gospel in the Word of God.

Luther: The Graphic Novel: Echoes of the Hammer

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Le

Read the story of Martin Luther, a man who lead a revolution that changed the world. From a small town in medieval Germany, the Reformation resulted in dramatic, sweeping change that still echoes today. Here is Luther's story of adventure, courage, and faith told for the first time in graphic novel style.

Lutheran Education: From Wittenberg to the Future

378.07
Ko

Lutheran schools have always accompanied Lutheran churches. Today the connections between church and school—theology and pedagogy, spiritual formation and practical education—are not as clear as they used to be. In this eye-opening history of Lutheran education from its beginnings through the 19th century, Thomas Korcok shows how educational issues have always been at the heart of Lutheranism.

The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation and Comparison of Christian Beliefs

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Each religions s compared with Christianity, providing ideas for how to talk to neighbors, family members, fellow students, or co-workers who follow one or another of these beliefs. Each chapter was written by an expert author with a deep interest or experience with the specific religion, written with the intent to give you common ground for you to share your faith in Jesus Christ.

Luther's Small Catechism: A Manual for Discipleship

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Pastor Belt Recommended - Who are disciples? What is a life of discipleship? This book answers those important questions by looking at Luther's Small Catechism as a field manual for how to live in faith and serve in love according to God's commandments.

Lutheran Prayer Companion

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Lu

Librarian Recommended - When you don't have the words to pray, when you feel unsure in your prayers, when you are struggling to pray—turn to these prayers rooted deeply in God's Word. These prayers will certainly enhance your prayer life, draw you closer to your Savior, and inspire your own prayers.

Making the Case for Christianity

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Accessible to readers of all levels, Making the Case for Christianity introduces specific intellectual objections to the Christian faith and then demonstrates how these objections might rationally be answered.

Man Up!

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Man Up! doesn't tell you to take down the feminists or reclaim your God-given role and rights. Real masculinity starts with giving of yourself for the good of those around you and in your care. It's counter-cultural—and it's exactly how God designed biblical manhood.

Marvel at the Mercy: The Hymns of Steven P. Starke, Vol. 2

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This collection contains 91 new hymns written by Rev. Stephen P. Starke, the premier Lutheran hymnwriter.

Meant for More: In, with, and Under the Ordinary

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There's a feeling deep within you. It's the feeling that you're not living up to your full potential. That somewhere out there you're missing out. That you are meant for more in this life and simply don't know where to turn to achieve it. Rev. John Nunes is here to let you know that you're filling your life with things that don't matter. Things that aren't pulling your closer to God and are perhaps pulling you away from Him. Instead, find your ability to fill your life with more of what matters.

The Messengers Trilogy (YA)

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Young Adult Section - The government tells fifteen-year-old Simon Clay everything he needs to know. Except what really happened to his mom. And why no one can go out at night. And why the Darkness is so dangerous. In this three-book series, Simon and his friends and family face danger, challenges, and struggles. But despite the peril they find themselves in, they are willing to do anything it takes to protect the Message worth dying for.

Misquoted: Rethinking Commonly Misused Bible Verses

248.4
Su

From God’s great love to his plan and purpose for you, this book will shine new light on the most misused scriptures, placing each verse back into the context it was written so that you can experience the fullness of all the great truths God offers for your comfort, encouragement, and spiritual growth.

Never Forsaken: God’s Mercy in the Midst of Miscarriage

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These stories of others who have suffered miscarriage and infant loss will encourage you to look to God’s Word for hope. His Word will guide you in your pilgrimage with grief, offering you the comfort and joy that only Christ can bring.

Nikolaus Von Amsdorf: Champion of Martin Luther’s Reformation

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Ko

He was the only nobleman in Luther’s inner circle and one of the first Evangelical bishops. His contributions during the theological controversies after Luther’s death shaped numerous articles of the Formula of Concord. Yet few people today have ever heard of Nikolaus von Amsdorf, let alone his influence on Lutheran theology.

O Sing of Christ: The Hymns of Steven P. Starke, Volume 1

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St

A collection of hymnody written by poet and pastor Stephen P. Starke. This volume contains text and melody for more than 120 hymns covering the entire Church Year. It includes Scripture references and full indexes of topics, meters, tunes, and more.

On This Day in Christian History : 365 Amazing and Inspiring Stories about Saints, Martyrs and Heroes

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Intriguing and inspiring stories from two thousand years of Christianity offer a glimpse into church history. On This Day in Christian History is an introduction to 365 of the most remarkable men and women of faith you will ever meet. Simple, colorful stories tell you about history-making events in the lives of people who loved God wholeheartedly.

On Being a Theologian of the Cross

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One ought not to speak of the theology of the cross merely as another item among a host of theological options; instead, one must pursue what it means to be a theologian of the cross and to look at all things through suffering and the cross.

One True God: Understanding Large Catechism II.66

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The study thoroughly investigates Martin Luther’s comments in the Large Catechism II 66 that touch on the question: do Muslims, Christians, Jews, and pious philosophers all believe in and worship the same God? This study will walk you through the challenging history, interpretation, and translation of Luther’s thoughts and will provide you with context for understanding Luther’s view in contrast with other Christian thinkers.

Ordering Our Days in His Peace: An Introduction to the Church Year

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The Church Year not only orders our days, but also teaches us the fundamental narratives of salvation’s story. Ordering Our Days in His Peace walks you through the three main sections of the church year: the Time of Christmas, the Time of Easter, and the Time of the Church.

Our Way Home: A Journey Through the Lord’s Prayer

226.96
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When we pray, we’re often hesitant. But Jesus gave His disciples—and us— the Lord’s Prayer as a guide in our prayer life. This prayer contains words of confession, thanks, recognition, need, and praise; it’s the perfect prayer model from our perfect role model.

Patience and Perfection : Finding Peace in God’s Plan for You

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Pa

This is an English translation of Luther’s Summaries of the Psalms, 1531 which was originally done in 1993. This latest edition includes the ESV translation of the Psalms, Luther’s introductions to each of the 150 psalms and a suggested schedule for reading the Psalter.

Philipp of Hesse: Unlikely Hero of the Reformation

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Some people admired Philipp as a hero. Others despised him as scandalous. However he was viewed, one thing was for sure: God was able to use Philipp’s leadership skills to unite the Reformation movement and allow it to grow.

Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions

242
Sh

When you leave church humming a hymn, you are humming a sermon because hymns are overflowing with Christ. The purpose of singing them is to praise God by proclaiming the saving work of His Son. This book draws out Christ’s riches from 14 beloved hymns.

Praying Luther’s Small Catechism

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Praying Luther’s Small Catechism invites you, your family, and the church to return to the riches of this treasure. Beyond its purpose as a handbook and outline of Christian teachings, Luther’s Small Catechism is also a prayer book for every age.

Prep Talks: Tales of Challenges and Opportunities in Christian Education

371.07
Pr

All educators have stories—stories of standardized tests, distracted students, and late-night grading. But Christian educators have additional stories of teaching creationism, praying in the classroom, and integrating faith into lessons. Using the power of story, the authors invite you to grapple with critical issues in contemporary education.

Provoking Proverbs: Wisdom and the Ten Commandments

223
Co

Probe the Book of Proverbs in the context of The Ten Commandments and discover a unique view of the wisdom contained in the book. Each of the 10 chapters — one for each of the commandments — offers thought-provoking questions and activities that help readers shed light on that commandment and its application in their lives.

Reading Isaiah with Luther

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Reading Isaiah with Luther offers highlights from Luther’s commentaries on the Book of Isaiah (where Luther explains the conscience), contemporary applications and explanations, and full-color artwork that helps you pause and reflect on key Luther quotes.

The Reason I Believe: The Basics of Christian Apologetics

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Qu

How would you respond to the question, “Why should I be Christian instead of Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist?” You might focus on what Scripture teaches and what you believe, but the skeptics will press you for more. But what if you answered, “You should be Christian because Christianity is the only religion that can be proven to be true”? And what if you had the evidence to support this powerful claim?

The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense

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Mi

Does God exist? Is the Bible true? Why is man accountable? What about forgiveness? Updating Robert Laidlaw’s classic work, Mittelberg offers clear, concise answers to questions believers and seekers ask to help you counter New Atheist arguments against God.

Ruth: More Than a Love Story230
Ah

In Ruth, God tells us so much more than how to be a better woman or about the marriage relationship. Embedded in the historical narrative of this short Old Testament book are connections to God's fulfilled promise of a Messiah and how God loves us and cares for us in Christ.

Sexual Morality in a Christless World241.66
Ru

Like in St. Paul's day, the church around the world—and particularly in America—now frequently faces hostility at the first mention of “homosexuality.” Author Matthew Rueger openly embraces this hot topic, giving you a framework for defending your beliefs by first exploring the relationship between sexual sin in ancient history and twenty-first century tangles of the same flavor. Topics such as temptation, promiscuity, marriage, homosexuality, natural law, and the church's role in it all swirl together to reveal our unifying need for a Savior.

Speaking Boldly: Sharing God's Word Every Day248.5
Gr

As Christians, we're called to speak God's Word to one another with the help of the Holy Spirit. But we often feel we could be more confident in sharing God's Word with the people in our lives. These other people are found in our homes, at our workplaces, in our churches, and are our neighbors. Learn to speak God's Law and Gospel with boldness and love with the knowledge that it is God's Word and not our own.

The Spirituality of the Cross230.41
Ve

Veith explores the topic of spirituality by presenting a true understanding of justification by faith, the means of grace, the two kingdoms, worship, and the church. This revised edition contains expanded material on vocation and the theology of the cross.

Synod - Theology and Practice of The Lord's Supper

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The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Synod - Theology and Practice of Prayer

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The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Synod - The End Times: A Study on Eschatology and Millennialism

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The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions239
Ko

In a world indifferent or even opposed to Christian truth, followers of Christ must be better equipped to communicate the timeless of the Christian faith. But how do you have a conversation with someone who is intent on proving you wrong and won't accept the Bible as a source of authority?

Take Heart: God's Comfort for Anxious Thoughts230
Ha

Feelings of anxiety can overwhelm and drag us down. We want to turn away from others and rely on ourselves to escape the situation. But we are alone are not enough to overcome our anxious thoughts. God will not let go of you. He will meet you in the midst of your darkness, in the place where you think you are farthest from Him.

Timeless Truth: The Essential Guide for Teaching the Faith268.84
Ju

Confirmation is an important milestone. Yet once the Rite of Confirmation is over, some families feel that their child has graduated, spiritually speaking. What Christians learn in confirmation doesn't have to end there. God's Word works in the lives of students beyond direct instruction. Catechesis can become a way of life for young people in the greater faith family.

Tortured for Christ272.9
Wu

After years of imprisonment and solitary confinement, enduring inhumane torture, Richard Wurmbrand emerges with a powerful testimony of courageous faith. Even today, believers are suffering and dying for Christ, yet their faith will not falter under the most unthinkable persecutions.

The Unholy Trinity248.4
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Librarian Recommended - Without God's First-Commandment-focused Law, we would never truly know the depth of our spiritual disease. Anything we fear, love, or trust more than the true God is, plain and simple, our god. The Unholy Trinity unmasks contemporary idol worship and its futility. Only when walls of man-made security are broken down can we hear the Gospel as good news—by grace, God gives us every good thing we vainly try to provide for ourselves.

Using imagery and metaphor of the vineyard, The Vine Speaks is a conversational Bible study rooted in Jesus' words in John 15. Each of these eleven lessons explores how Christ works in us by drawing lessons from the seasons of the vineyard, from the lives of the apostles, from the author's experiences, and from our own circumstances and perspectives.

Waiting focuses on the lives of eight biblical women who waited and yearned and ached. The study highlights principles that make these times more bearable, and maybe more meaningful, even if it feels like God isn't present or there's nothing we can do. Learn how to surrender your worries to God, handle the daily-ness of waiting, and draw closer to Jesus.

Trust. Seek. Follow. That's what it takes to be a disciple. Not hours of programs and weekly meetings to make you "qualified" to be a disciple. Author Ted Doering challenges the idea of daunting discipleship with a new definition: simply trusting, seeking, and following Jesus. Discipleship might not be easy, but it can be simple.

We know what everyone else sees during the day — but what does Jesus see? A children's book by Christ Lutheran Church's own Rebecca Belt.

This books contains more than 5,100 quotations on 200 subjects from the writings of Martin Luther. All quotations are alphabetically and topically arranged for quick and easy reference.

What is my calling in life? What vocation am I meant to have? veyone struggles with these types of questions; trying to figure out exactly what God has planned. The good news is that God is already working in your life; no extra experience or skills required. *See also: Callings for Life.*

This devotional treatment of the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism centers on joy, specifically identifying what it means to be fully Lutheran, and joyfully so—Joy:fully Lutheran.

In each chapter, Daniel Preus calls upon more than twenty years of pastoral experience to reveal Jesus as the center of the Christian faith. As he addresses central doctrines such as sin and grace, Law and Gospel, the person and work of Jesus Christ, worship, the Sacraments, and the office of the ministry, Preus keeps the focus on Jesus Christ—who is “always and only at the center of all Christian teaching.”

You've got tough questions about the Bible. Maybe you've even heard things like, “The Bible is racist.” Or, “The Bible has too many errors and edits.” Or, “The Bible is merely a mythological story like Homer's Odyssey.” This book tackles accusations like those head-on.

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?
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Bible Study Pick - Here's the same question: When's the last time you took a hammer and a chisel to the Jesus of the Bible and formed Him into your own personal Jesus? Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? not only reminds us who the real Jesus of the Bible is, but it also reveals to us twelve false christs who are embraced, loved, promoted, and revered—even by well-meaning Christians.

Without this Ring: Surviving Divorce
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A survival guide for Christians who are navigating the minefield of divorce. Author Donna Pyle has been through it. She knows what it's like, dealing with the anger, struggling with the idea of forgiveness. From a firm biblical standpoint, she gives clear steps on how to deal with the trauma and grief, helping readers understand that though they are wounded, they are not defeated.

Without Flesh: Why the Church is Dying Even Though Jesus is Still Alive
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Have the times really changed? Is the Church actually dying? Are we truly in danger of being subsumed beneath a new, ominous culture of evil? Or is the only real difference a matter of our perspective? Is the only real change the fact that we have convinced ourselves that times have changed?

Words of Strength and Promise: Devotions for Youth
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