

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

## 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**

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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.

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

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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 joyfully face persecution, suffering, and even death, knowing that Jesus waits for us.

### **The Augsburg Confession**

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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.

### **Blessings and Prayers for Those with Cancer**

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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

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"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**

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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.

### **Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose**

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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?**

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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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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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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.

**Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation**

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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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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**

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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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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.

**Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic**

261.83  
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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**

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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?

**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.

**The Hammer of God**

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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.

**Has American Christianity Failed?**

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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.

**Hero of Faith: C.F.W. Walther**

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*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.

**How to Read the Bible with Understanding**

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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.

**How to Respond to Jehovah's Witnesses**

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Ke

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.

**How to Respond to the Mormons**

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Ka

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.

**How to Respond to Muslims**

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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.

**How to Respond to the New Age Movement**

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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.

**How to Respond to Judaism**

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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.

**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.

**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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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**

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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 resource to help readers find the comfort provided by the Christian understanding 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.

**The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation and Comparison of Christian Beliefs**

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**Luther’s Small Catechism: A Manual for Discipleship**

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**Lutheran Prayer Companion**

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**Making the Case for Christianity**

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**The Messengers Trilogy (YA)**

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**Misquoted: Rethinking Commonly Misused Bible Verses**

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

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

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**One True God: Understanding Large Catechism II.66**

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

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

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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.

*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.

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.

*Young Adult Section* - The government tells fifteen-year-old Simon Clay every- thing 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**Provoking Proverbs: Wisdom and the Ten Commandments**

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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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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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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.

**Sexual Morality in a Christless World**

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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 Day**

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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 Cross**

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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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**Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions**

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**The Unholy Trinity**

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**Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust**

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**What Does Jesus See?**

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**What Luther Says**

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**Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran?**

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**Why I Am a Lutheran**

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**Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?**

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**Without this Ring: Surviving Divorce**

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**Without Flesh: Why the Church is Dying Even Though Jesus is Still Alive**

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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?

*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.

*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.

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.

Luther’s Small Catechism is through and through a remedy for the troubled conscience. It is full of consolation and a tremendous cause for joy as it lays out in concrete ways and with absolute certainty the Gospel of Christ’s free forgiveness for you.

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.”

*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.

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.

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?

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## Arch Books Catalogue

The Story of Creation  
God my Creator x2  
The Fall Into Sin  
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Abraham's Big Test  
God Called Abraham, God Calls You  
The Princess and the Baby  
The Great Escape  
Moses' Dry Feet  
The 10 Commandments  
Joseph Forgives His Brothers  
The Story of Deborah  
God's Fire for Elijah  
Three Men Who Walked in Fire  
Just in Time Esther  
The Lord Calls Samuel  
Jonah and the Very Big Fish  
The Man Who Took Seven Baths  
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The Baby Born in a Stable  
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Mary's Christmas Story  
Born on Christmas Morn  
The Christmas Connection  
The Baby King  
The Shepherd's Christmas

Jesus and the Family Trip  
Camel's Hair and Honey  
Jesus Calls His Disciples  
Twelve Who Followed Jesus  
The Man Who Learned to Give  
God, I've Gotta Talk to You  
The Lord's Prayer  
Jesus' First Miracle  
The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard  
The Parable of the Woman and the Judge  
The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids  
The Lesson of the Tree and its Fruit  
The Seeds that Grew and Grew  
The Story of the Good Samaritan  
The Boy Who Ran Away  
The Prodigal Son  
The Great Surprise  
Jesus Calms the Storm  
Nicodemus and Jesus  
Jesus and the Caananite Woman  
Jesus and the Woman at the Well x 2  
Jesus Walks Away x2  
Jesus Shows His Glory  
Jesus Blesses the Children  
The Night Peter Cried  
Jesus Rides into Jerusalem  
The Easter Victory  
My Happy Easter Book  
Jesus my Savior x2  
Jesus Forgives Peter  
Thomas the Doubting Disciple  
The Great Commission

Saul's Conversion  
Shipwrecked Paul  
Peter Surprises Rhoda  
Holy Spirit my Helper x2  
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