## Good News for the Diaspora:

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ — Romans 10:17



Greetings,

Below is a list of audio files that are presently available. First, everything is in the public domain. Second, everything is provided at no cost to you or anyone else. Third, please pass this information on to others, especially those in the Diaspora. Fourth, we are adding more and more audio files so be sure and check in for the latest. Thank you. You may access the audio files via the "scholia audio" tab on the web site of Faith Lutheran Church of Rogue River, Oregon:

http://www.faithrogueriver.org/

Preparing for Death by Martin Moller (1547-1606).

This relatively unknown book is now available for all. Pastor Arthur E. Schulz crafted the translation in 1974 and has granted permission for its publication. Pastor Moller endeared himself to his generation, and to all generations with his book on the holy art of dying. It can never outgrow its usefulness in the Christian Church. The sad subject is an ever-present reality with us mortals. And Moller is a most excellent companion to the dying Christian, as well as providing an opportunity for those who have not heard the Gospel of Jesus born, crucified, risen and ascended. Salvation by the grace of God thru faith in Christ is for all and is the foundation of this book. Are you, or someone you know, preparing to depart this life? If so, this book is of particular importance, comfort and assurance.



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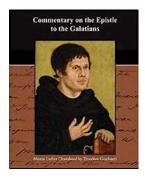
Sacred Meditations by Johann Gerhard (1582-1637)



This volume of 51 meditations was written by Gerhard and published in 1606, when the author was 21 years old. It is the work of a young man that blends Scriptural knowledge, pastoral care, liturgical devotion, spiritual insight as well as the proper distinction and application of Law and Gospel. These meditations bring Christian comfort and peace to even the oldest of its readers ... or hearers. You are invited to sit at the feet of Christ incarnate, born, crucified, risen, ascended and enthroned for you. Each meditation is 11 minutes in length and contains musical selections.

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#### Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians – by Martin Luther (1483-1546)



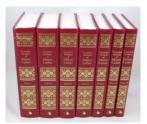
This 1538 work by the great reformer is of tremendous benefit. How much more for the hearer! This writing of Luther presents in clarity and without compromise the central thought of Christianity; namely, the justification of the sinner for the sake of Christ's merits alone.

The audio recording has been provided for you in separate verse files for easier access.

#### http://www.faithrogueriver.org/galatians-commentary/

#### Church Postiles by Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Currently, the audio recordings of these sermons are from Advent I To Trnity 5. The sermons for the rest of the church year will be posted in the near future.



## http://www.faithrogueriver.org/church-postils/

Here are some various writings by Martin Luther now available as audio recordings:

1519 – "On the Sacrament of the Altar and Brotherhoods"

(Can you detect the "early Luther" in this recording?)

1520 – "A Treatise Concerning the Ban"

(Concerning the right and wrong use of the ban, and how one ought to respond.)

- 1520 "Treatise on Good Works 1st Table"
- 1520 "Treatise on Good Works 2nd Table"

(Listen to this if you thought Lutherans were against good works!)

- 1520 "On Christian Liberty"
- 1522 "Eight Sermons Preached in Lent in Wittenberg"
- 1523 "An Ordinance of a Common Chest"
- 1523 "The Right and Power of a Congregation to Judge & Call Teachers (Pastors)"
- 1525 "The Burning of Friar Henry"
- 1526 "Whether Soldiers Too Can Be Saved"
- 1528 "On the War Against the Turk"

(How relevant this work is to today! Church and state. Pope and emperor.)

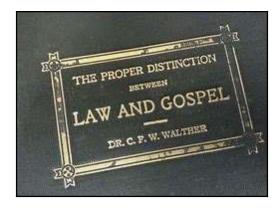
- 1530 "An Open Letter on Translating"
- 1539 "Councils and Fathers" Part 1
- 1539 "Councils and Fathers" Part 2

(Luther knows councils and fathers. One of the most important of his works!)

1539 – "Councils and Fathers" – Part 3 – Marks of Church

(3 marks? More than that. 5? Keep going. Take a listen. You'll be edified.)

http://www.faithrogueriver.org/various-writings/



The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

by Pastor C.F.W. Walther (1811-1887)

The 39 lectures are provided here as individual audio files for easy access. This audio recording is from the public domain edition, and is, as indicated in the following quotation, intended for laity and clergy.

"Rightly distinguishing the Law and the Gospel is the most difficult and the highest art of Christians in general and of theologians in particular. It is taught only by the Holy Spirit in the school of experience" (Thesis III).

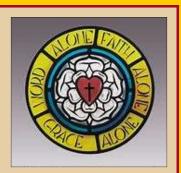
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## The Book of Concord

The Confessions of the Lutheran Church

Concordia Triglotta
English Audio Recording

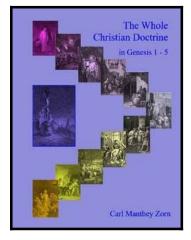


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The entire title of this 1925 work by Carl Manthey Zorn is A Last Apostolic Word to All Faithful and Righteous Servants of the Word – 2 Tim. 4, 1-5. This was primarily addressed to servants of the Word (including pastors, professors, missionaries, synodical presidents, etc.) However, and this is really to be stressed, all Christians should listen to and/or read this work. The Last Apostolic Word addresses what is recorded in The Holy Scriptures, which are intended for every one. The Christian laity should have a clear knowledge as to who is a faithful and righteous servant of the Word and what he is to do. (Available also in book form and free pdf format via the link below.)

http://www.faithrogueriver.org/a-last-apostolic-word/



#### *The Whole Christian Doctrine in Genesis 1-5*

In this book Pastor Zorn presents the Scriptural basis for the entire Christian doctrine being contained in the first five chapters of Genesis. After all, Moses was (and is) a Christian. For he regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward (Hebrews 11:26). David also was (and is) a Christian; for, seeing what was to come, he (David) spoke of the Resurrection of the Messiah, that He was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did His Body see decay (Acts 2:31).

This work is also available in book form and free pdf format.

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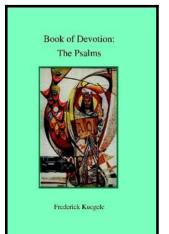
Our Position on Doctrine and Practice

by Pastor Franz Pieper (1852-1931)

This audio recording is a lecture delivered before the 1893 Synod of delegates of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States. It is one hour forty minutes long. It was translated by Kenneth E.F. Howes.

"There is no mere doctrine in the Christian church, but all doctrine should be carried over into practice. The Christian church is not a school for philosophers where it is just lectured, but a community of people who are wandering on the way to eternal life in the faith in the Gospel and under the crucifixion of the flesh, and who have the calling to lead others on this way to eternal life."

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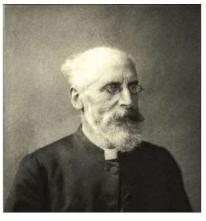
Book of Devotion: The Psalms

by Pastor Frederick Kuegele (1846-1916)

In this 1895 work, Pastor Kuegele has pointed us to Christ with his devotions on the Psalms. All devotions are the same length and most contain organ music, with varying lengths so as to fill out the allotted seven minutes. This work is also available in book form and free pdf format.

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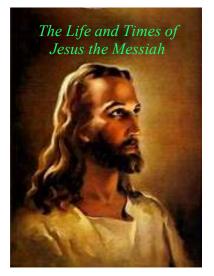
## Audio Recordings of . . .

The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah &

The Temple: Its Ministry and Services

by Rev. Alfred Edersheim (1825-1889)

Edersheim was born in Vienna of Jewish parents of culture and wealth. English was spoken in their home, and he became fluent at an early age. He was educated at a local gymnasium and also in the Talmud and the Torah at a Hebrew school. He emigrated to Hungary and taught languages, before converting to Christianity.



**The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah** is a 55-hour recording of this Christian classic. It is divided into five books . . .

Book 1 – The Introductory Chapters.

Book 2 – From the Manger in Bethlehem to the Baptism in the Jordan.

Book 3 – Ascent: River Jordan to the Mount of Transfiguration.

Book 4 – Descent: Mount of Transfiguration into Valley of Humiliation & Death.

Book 5 – The Cross and the Crown.

Audio recording this work has been the most difficult book I've done. There were numerous errors when the physical book was put into pdf format, from which this book was recorded. I also confess my difficulty in the pronunciation of many names and places. The kind hearer will pardon such errors. Edersheim's writing style added to the difficulty. MLM

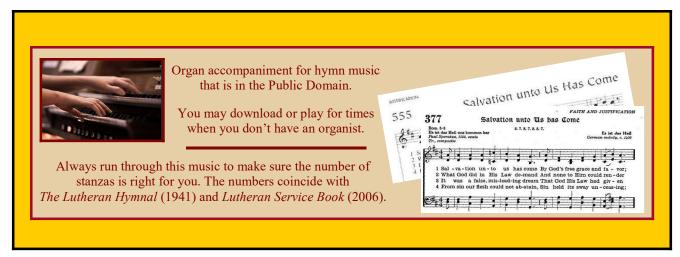
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**The Temple: Its Ministry and Services** is an 11-hour recording of this Christian work.

This book is not as well known as the work above, but leads the hearer (or reader) into new insights. The author makes a point that it is based on what was taking place when Jesus walked the streets of Jerusalem. The scholarship and research of the author is impressive and helpful. Thus, it provides excellent background for Bible class and sermons.



http://www.faithrogueriver.org/the-temple-its-ministry-and-services/



There are about 100 hymns available without cost and may be accessed for . . .

- 1.) those times when a pastor has no organist;
- 2.) group singing;
- 3.) family devotions;
- 4.) personal meditation; and so on.

The music for all hymns is in the public domain. The musician is Sheryl Chisum, the organist here at Faith Lutheran Church. She has graciously allowed us to include her playing in this web page, doing so for you and for others throughout the world. We thank God for her and appreciate her service.

http://www.faithrogueriver.org/music-for-hymns/

Various Audio Recordings of writings by Pastor Michael L. McCoy

Sermons: http://www.faithrogueriver.org/mccoy-sermons/

Book: *Magwort and the Master* (2002)

This is a children's book for grown-ups and a grown-ups' story for children. The book follows the Gospel accounts of our Lord's Life, Death, Crucifixion and Resurrection. While telling the Good News of salvation by the grace of God through faith in Christ, it gives the Biblical understanding of "meekness," which is quite different from the world's relatively negative perception of this virtue. This work is also available in book form and free pdf format.

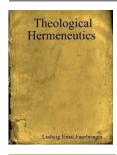


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Other: Two St. Crispin Day epistles & St. Crispin's Day Meditation on Psalm 144.

http://www.faithrogueriver.org/mccoy-various/

## Other Bound Books and Free e-books available at http://www.Lulu.com/



#### Theological Hermeneutics

This work by Ludwig Fuerbringer is a classroom outline for the principles of theological hermeneutics. Examples of these principles are given, utilizing the Greek and Hebrew as appropriate. This book is bound with the coil binding that allows it to lay open for more efficient study and reference.



### Boyhood in a Parsonage

This is a book that is written by a PK (Paul Kretzmann) and from the perspective of a PK (pastor's kid). The story will be appreciated by those interested in our great-grandfather's church, parsonage and history. A reading of it for Advent and Christmas might be a nice family activity. Children will enjoy it and there are many opportunities to discuss the old days and make comparisons to today.



#### Eunice - Letters of a Fatherly Friend to a Young Christian Mother

This is written by Pastor Carl Manthey Zorn is in the form of letters from a pastor to one of his beloved parishioners, a young woman named Eunice. Written in the early 1900s, they follow the ages and stages in the life of Eunice's baby. This work reflects the pastoral care and concern that was typical in the Church a handful of generations ago. The letters also provide historical perspectives on child rearing, school, authority, respect, sexuality and engagement.



## Five Minutes Daily with Luther

In 1990, a delightful saint of the Lord, Mrs. Renee Hasskamp of Crosby, Minnesota, gave her pastor an old devotion book which she had cherished for decades. It proved to be a singular text of remarkable clarity and power and comfort in my daily devotions. Modern devotions tend to be antiseptic or weakly emotional, but the rugged words of Luther in this text were a daily surprise and treat. They applied so well to my life that I shared my enthusiasm for the book with many people. It was originally published in 1926, and the title was "Five Minutes Daily with Luther: Daily Lessons from the Writings of Martin Luther." - Robin Fish



#### Male and Female — He Created Them

This work is an extended, 44-page exegetical paper presented to the Pastors of Circuit 10 of The Northwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on 10 November Anno Domini 1992. It was written by Michael L. McCoy and reviewed by † Jerome V. Wohlfeil prior to presentation. It examines various prophetesses mentioned in the Bible and addresses the Scriptural passages that restrict the pastoral office to qualified men.



# The Bestman, the Bride and the Wedding by Pastor Michael L. McCoy

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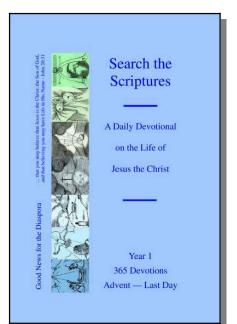
Pastor Martin Luther's Small Catechism in Romanian



#### If you need a daily devotional, consider

## Search the Scriptures

by Pastor McCoy



It started out as a 28-day Advent devotional. It turned into nearly three and a half years of daily devotions. The theme for the four volumes is *Search the Scriptures*. Jesus speaks these very words in connection with the truth that the Scriptures, specifically the Old Testament, bear witness to Him (John 5:39). In Luke 24:44, our Lord tells His disciples that the things written of Him in Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.

Each of the 1,230 devotions begins with a verse from the Old Testament and points us to Christ. Then follows a transitional paragraph or two that leads us to the Gospel section for the day. Devotional thoughts and applications are offered. After a prayer, there are one or more hymn stanzas related to the topic of the day.

This first volume has 365 devotions from the first day of Advent through the last week of the Church year. It covers the events leading up to the Birth of the Savior in Bethlehem. Then we follow Christ as He sets out on His earthly ministry. This first volume ends with Jesus giving sight to the man born blind.

The audio files of this volume are available via Dropbox: Email me for links to these audio files mmccoy19@gmail.com

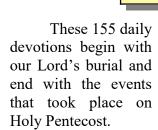
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The 800-page second volume has 365 devotions from the first day of Advent through the last week of the Church year. It begins with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Volume 2 concludes shortly after Palm Sunday with Jesus healing the blind and the sick brought to Him in the temple.



This third volume (also 800 pages) picks up with the events of Palm Monday and concludes with Incarnate Son of God's death on the cross.





Do you want bound books of these volumes or free pdf copies?

Year 1: Advent 1 — Pentecost

Year 1: Trinity — Last Day

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