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# Luther's Teachings for Today

Luther wrote the Large Catechism for instruction in the fundamentals of the Christian faith for Church leaders: pastors, instructors, and for parents at home. The catechism is a treasure of the Lutheran Church to this day. Luther's insights into matters of faith and the Christian life are central to our Lutheran heritage. As we approach the 500 years of its publication (1529-2029), it is time for a closer look.

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