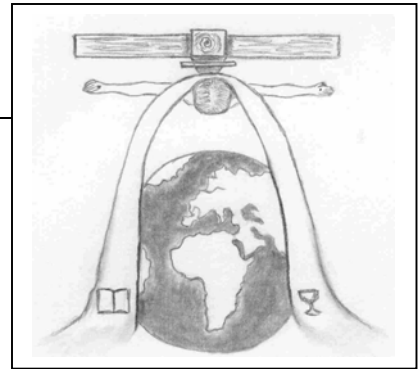


Good News for the Diaspora



What's on the *scholia resource disk 2006* ?

1. **Bulletin Covers.**

The first folder contains 112 bulletin covers for the church year. These black and white bulletin covers are ready for you to adapt. On the front of the covers, the majority of the graphics are from Gustav Doré. The drawing to the right, *Isaac Blessing Jacob*, is an example of his thought-provoking work.

There are also works by Filippo Lippi, Masaccio, Cimabue, Zimmerman, Dürer and Thiersch. Illustrations from 12th and 13th century Greek and Latin manuscripts were also used in bulletin covers. Appropriate quotations from Martin Luther's *Church Postils* are on the backs of the covers.



In addition to the regular Sunday covers for Advent through the Last Sunday of the year, there are the following bulletin covers:

- Christmas Eve/Day
- New Year's Eve/Day
- 12 covers for Midweek services during Lent
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- 22 other days (Annunciation, Holy Innocents, John the Baptist, etc.)
- 4 covers for Baptisms
- 3 covers for Marriages
- 3 covers for Confession and Absolution
- 4 covers for Funerals
- 2 covers for Thanksgiving

You are free to adapt these bulletin covers for your particular use. The documents are made available in MSWord. If that is a problem, there is the free OpenOffice.org software available for download. This is excellent software and does a very nice job of handling Word documents.

2. *Crumbs – Good News for the Diaspora*

The magnificent devotional book, *Crumbs – Short Devotions for Every Day of the Year*, was written by C.M. Zorn. It was translated into English by the author's son, H.M. Zorn and published in 1914. This book is now available on this resource CD. Each devotion begins with a Scripture reference. This is followed by the text of the devotion, which also has application for the Christian. There follows a prayer and one or more referenced hymn stanzas. (While the devotional book does not have these hymn stanzas printed out, we were able to find them in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book* of 1918, and as a result, they are included in these devotional booklets.) The graphics on the front cover of the 52 devotional booklets are from the works of Gustav Doré.

All 365 daily devotions are now available in 52 weekly segments, which are focused as follows:

Advent 1 – Holy Trinity	The Festival Season (especially the life of Christ)
Trinity 1 – Trinity 16	Catechism Lessons
Trinity 17 – Trinity 24	The Christian's Life and Death

This file contains these devotions in pdf format and in booklet or pamphlet form. Adobe Reader is needed to open these files and most computers already have this installed. If you don't, you may get a free download of it at Adobe.com. Then you may open a weekly devotion file, print it off, copy it, staple the pages together in booklet form and hand copies out to visitors, shut-ins, friends, neighbors or use them at home in family devotions.

3. *Crumbs – Good News for the Diaspora*

This file contains the same devotions described above, but rather than in booklet format, the weekly devotions are sequential.

4. *Crumbs – Good News for the Diaspora – Audio Recording*

This file contains audio recordings of the first 15 devotions from C.M. Zorn's *Crumbs – Short Devotions for Every Day of the Year*. These audio files are in MP3 format and most computers are able to play them. All 365 devotions are available on two CDs (20 hours long) and may be ordered through the scholia.net website.

5. *Daily Bread Devotions – Audio Recording*

This file contains audio recordings of the first 15 devotions from F.E. Pasche's *Daily Bread*, a book of daily devotions published in 1926. The devotions are based upon Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. These audio files are also in MP3 format. All 318 devotions are available on two CDs (18 hours long) and may also be ordered through the scholia.net website.

6. **For the Children in the Diaspora**

This file folder contains an audio recording intended for use as a bedtime story and includes a reading of *Magwort and the Master*, as well as Scripture reading, prayer and music.

7. **For the Family in the Diaspora**

The first two documents in this file are *The Litany for the Diaspora*, first in sequential format and second in booklet format. Again, these are in pdf form. Use this litany in your personal and family devotions. It is also suitable for use in a service of the Word in the congregation. Please join the Church in prayer and let our prayers for one another ascend unto the Lord.

The next three documents in this folder focus on the sheep judging the shepherd – the parishioner judging the pastor’s sermons and teachings. These pdf documents will help equip the hearer to know whether a sermon is, or is not, Christian. After a one-page Bible study on the topic of the sheep judging the shepherd and a document on definitions, there is an evaluation form to assist the hearer in making a determination.

The last two documents are pdf copies of Martin Luther’s and C.F.W. Walther’s sermons on Matthew 7:15-23, the Gospel reading for the 8th Sunday after Trinity.

8. **For the Pastor and the Chaplain in the Diaspora**

A complete copy of an out-of-print book, *The Bestman, the Bride and the Wedding*, is included on this resource disk. The book was written “for my mother who begat me, for my brothers with whom I walk and for the children”. It is included here – for you – that is, for the same Church, the same pastors and chaplains, and for the children of God. The second document is a 68-page reading and study guide for this book.

The last document in this file folder is a reading and study guide for C.F.W. Walther’s classic work, *The Proper Distinction Between the Law and the Gospel*. It is in MSWord format for ease in answering the questions and noting personal comments and points of application.

9. **Music for the Diaspora**

This document contains the accompaniment music for 58 hymns. These are provided so that the pastor or the chaplain has enough to get by when he has a service with no organist. *Music for the Diaspora* is being used in various places throughout the world. Certainly the individual and the family may use these files for personal and family devotions. The first document is a pdf file with the listing of the hymns. These hymn tunes follow in MP3 format.

10. **Sermon Series 1 – The Shepherds of Advent and Christmas**

The *Shepherds of Advent and Christmas* sermon series consists of eight sermons preached during the Advent and Christmas seasons of the church year in 2001 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Emmett, Idaho. This folder contains those sermons in written,

pdf format. While there are bulletin covers for these sermons, they were not included in this resource disk. Permission was received for the graphics to be used on scholia. Not having specific permission (nor was it sought due to time constraints), these bulletin covers are not included. They are available at the scholia.net website.

11. ***Sermon Series 2 – Follow Jesus***

The *Follow Jesus* sermon series consists of nine sermons preached in 2004 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Emmett, Idaho. This folder contains the sermons in both written and audio format. Included is a pdf document with recommended readings, hymns and orders of service. The sermons were also video-recorded and are available on a single DVD. If you are interested in the DVD, please go to the scholia website and click on the *Good News for the Diaspora* link.

12. 13. 14. ***St. Crispin’s Day – 25 October***

The next three folders in the *scholia resource disk 2006* are St. Crispin’s Day epistles. They are included in both written and audio recording formats. The titles of these epistles for this minor feast day are:

- 2003 – Epistle to the Called Servant
- 2004 – Epistle to the Watchman
- 2005 – Epistle for My Brethren (Pastors, Chaplains, Police, Military)

15. ***The Small Catechism***

This folder has three files: 1.) a pdf file of Martin Luther’s preface to the *Small Catechism*; 2.) a pdf file of the catechism itself; and 3.) an audio recording of the catechism. The audio recording is a recitation made by members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, whose ages ranged from 1 to 80. (The one-year-old said the “amen.”)

16. ***Sermon by Martin Luther***

This final file folder contains a sermon by Martin Luther based on the Gospel Reading for Trinity 11 – Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and the Publican). This audio recording is read from Luther’s *Church Postils*. For all of Luther’s Church postil sermons for the Gospels, go to scholia.

May this *scholia resource disk 2006* be a blessing to you and yours and many more throughout the world, for in Christ Jesus, there is . . . ***Good News for the Diaspora!***

The peace of the Lord be with you always,



Rev. Michael L. McCoy