

## **Lessons from Luther**

The Augsburg Confession

June 25, 1530

**It was Evangelistic, Ecumenical and Eschatological....Yeah for those Princes!**

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## **Billboard Wisdom**

Stop trying to make everybody happy....You're not tequila  
Don't do something permanently stupid because you're temporarily upset

Be who you needed when you were younger

It's better to walk alone than with a crowd going the wrong

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## **Billboard Wisdom**

If you had to choose between drinking wine or being skinny, would you choose red or white?

When you forgive you heal. When you let go you grow

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future

In a world where you can be anything....be kind

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## **Billboard Wisdom**

When you make a commitment you build hope. When you keep it you build trust

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Why do we only rest in peace? Why not live in peace also

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## **Our Challenge This**

**It wasn't just Luther who made a stand**

**The Princes laid their necks before the Emperor**

**Wanna stick your necks out too?**

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## **The Confessors at Augsburg**

Who were they?

What led them to Augsburg?

The necessity of a secondary authority

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***Correction with  
EVANGELICAL spirit....more  
necessary today***

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***ECUMENICAL by nature ....  
let's not cut off the dialog***

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***EVANGELISTIC .... where is  
the heart for the lost in  
confessional Lutherans***

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***Urgent — ESCHATOLOGICAL  
confessing***

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The Great Omission of the Great Commission

***The need for "Catechesis"***  
*If Luther toured our churches today....He'd  
write another basic outline of the faith*

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**The Confessions are amazingly brief  
or silent on many topics we wish they  
would have covered...Just like we  
wish St. Paul would have wrote one  
more epistle addressing all of today's  
controversial topics.**

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But the Reformation princes maybe taught us that in our time we need to “stick our necks” out and create our own “secondary authority” to teach and to display our confessional spirit.

Not only to take a confessional STAND  
But more importantly to be a confessional MOVEMENT

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George, Margrave of Brandenburg said:

***“Before I let anyone take from me the Word of God and ask me to deny my God, I will kneel and let them strike off my head”***

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***Ready to stick your neck out?***

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**AMEN**

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