



**Faith
Practices
Have
Changed**

**Baptism was
commonly
understood as
an entrance into
the Christian life**



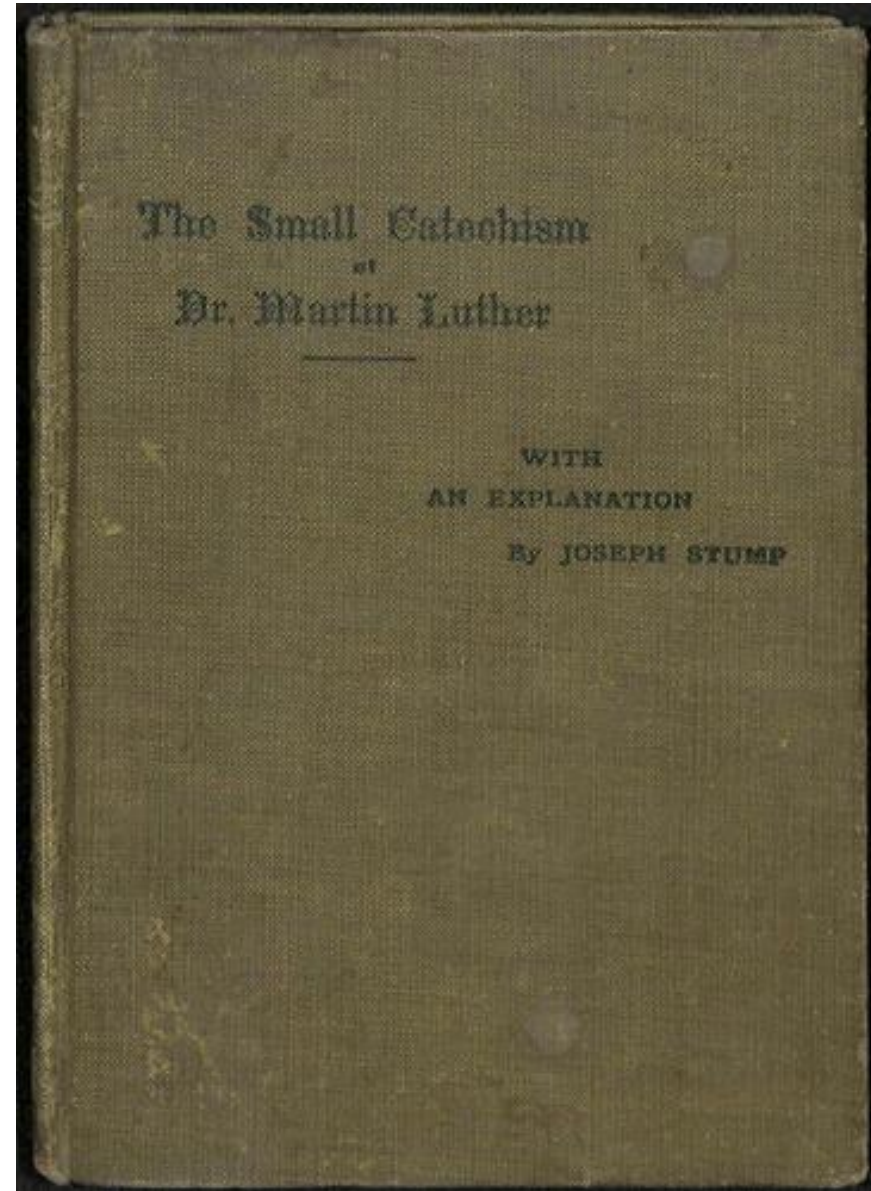


Few saw it as a Continuing Marker of Christian Living



**DANGER
WRONG WAY
TURN BACK**

**The admonition to
understand Christian
life and discipleship
as the daily living out
of one's baptism into
Christ **received no
attention.****



**Overwhelming
influence of the
non-sacramental
practices and
piety of the
general
Protestant
community in the
United States.**



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**Baptisms today
occur in the context of congregational worship**

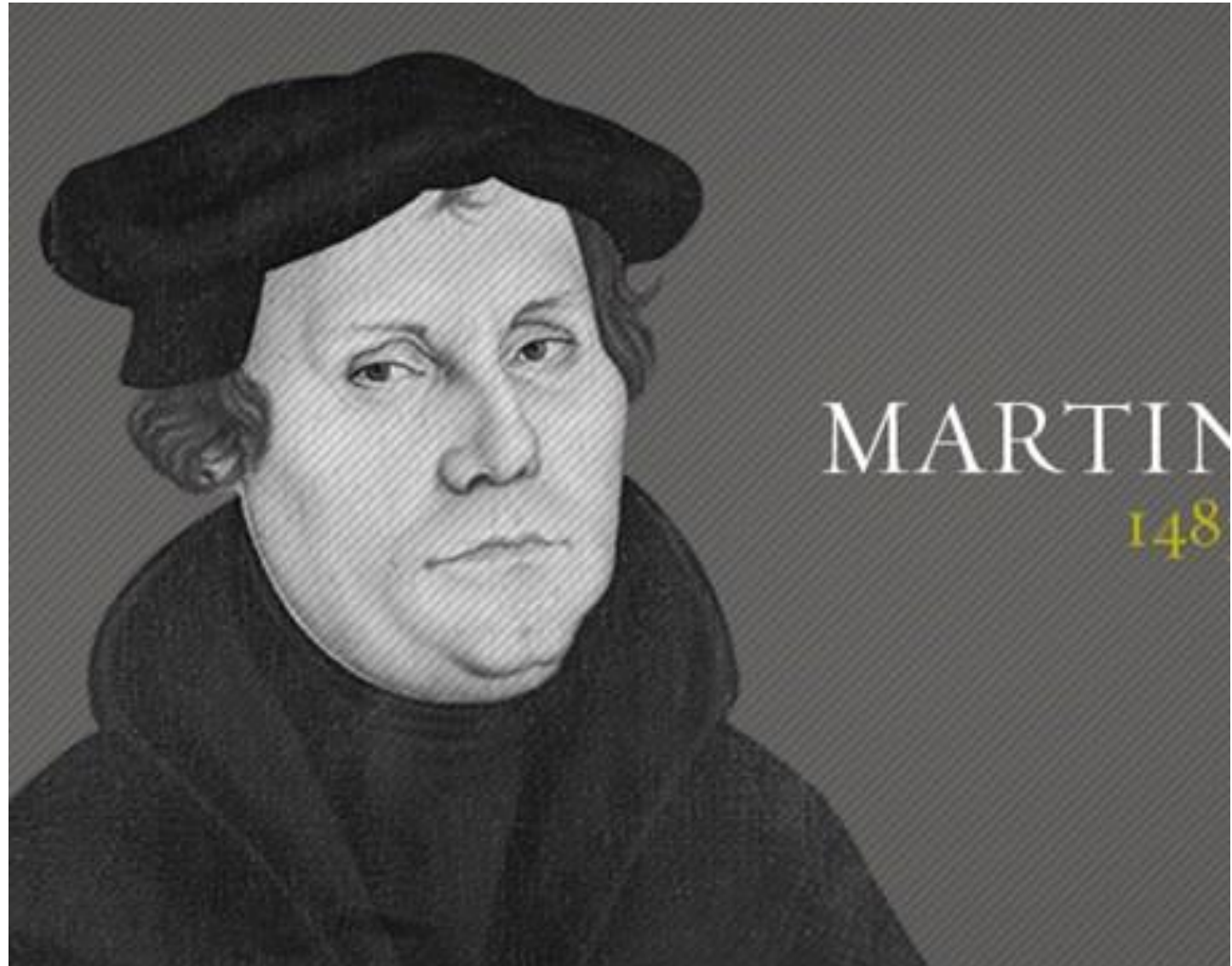


Walking Wet!



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**Luther taught that
each morning we are
to rise and say, “I am
baptized into Christ”
and then go about
our daily affairs
living in the
covenant God made
with us in our
Baptism.**

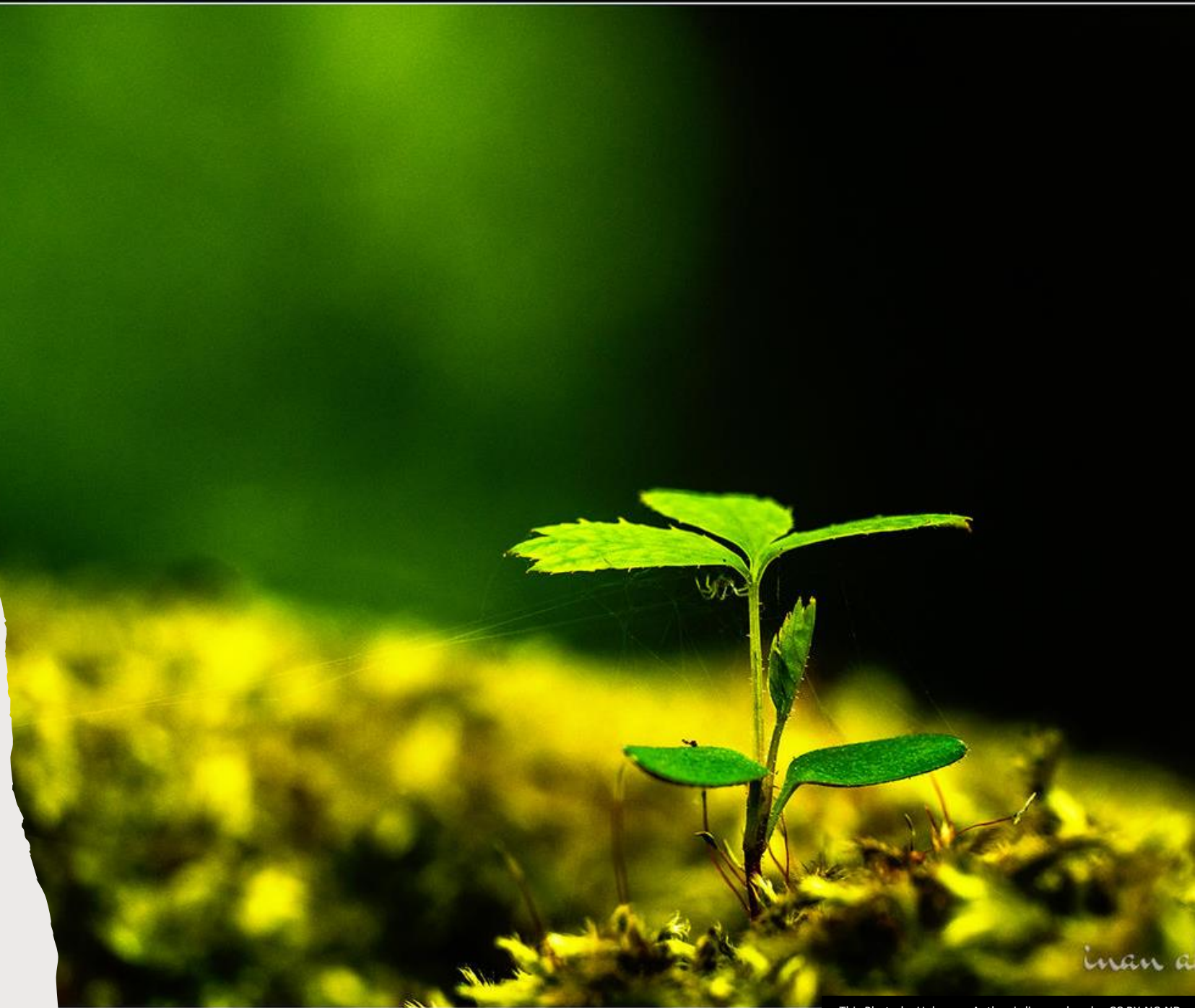


Five central faith practices that grow out of our Baptism in Christ.

- **live** among God's faithful people;
- **hear** the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and,
- **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.

We are living in unprecedented times—a health pandemic with economic uncertainty and unresolved racism. There is much that we cannot control, but we can control our choices of behavior. Now is the time to intentionally choose healthy patterns to offset the grief and lament related to these times as we shift to a new normal.

**As Lutherans,
we are called
to continually
grow in faith,
love and
obedience to
the will of God.**



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“Story Matters”





**Fifty years ago,
only parents
and sponsors
made vows
when a person was
baptized.**

Now **all of us make those vows in the
Affirmation of Baptism liturgy.**

**We daily remember our promise
to live out our faith,
emerging from our Baptism into Christ.**

Seek First the
Kingdom of God!

