



## Daily Devotion



*"The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." John 6:63*

*Oh, what mad, senseless fools are we! While we must ever live and dwell among such mighty enemies as the devils, we still despise our weapons and defense, and we are too lazy to look at or think of them! What else are such proud, arrogant saints doing who are unwilling to read and study the catechism daily? They think they are much more learned than God Himself... Can we finish learning in one hour what God Himself cannot finish teaching?*

**Martin Luther**

God's Word cannot be learned in one sitting, in one sermon, in one lifetime. Just as we need to eat food throughout our life, so we need to be in the Word of God faithfully until we die. As food is life for the body, so Jesus' words are life for the soul. I will not turn away a plate of spaghetti saying I already know what spaghetti tastes like. I eat it because it sustains my life. Just so, I would be foolish to put my Bible and Catechism aside claiming that I've already read through these books and am familiar enough with them. When we understand God's Word as nourishing food, we will better see how we need to feed upon the words of Christ daily.

*Your words, O Christ, are spirit and life for me. Let me never have the attitude that I have eaten my fill of Your words, but give me always a hunger for them, for through them You sustain my soul. Amen.*