

Letter 250: 28 October 1525, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: Karlstadt has recanted his views on the Eucharist [see preceding letter], pretending that he had no intention to make definite pronouncements on the matter. Capito sneers at Luther's connivance with this interpretation. He notes that both men took aim at Zwingli. Capito intends to publish Karlstadt's recantation and Luther's preface to it, with an appropriate preface and commentary.¹ He warns Zwingli to be moderate in his writings. "We seem to have obtained the concession that the clause about faith is not necessary and that Luther himself does not believe in the transubstantiation of the bread (*deum impanatum*)."² Capito has written to Bugenhagen [cf. above, Ep. 248]. He assumes that the other Wittenbergers have read his letter as well. Capito will inform Zwingli of their reaction as soon as Caselius returns. Ludwig V, Count Palatine, has opted for the Reformation and allows the preaching of the gospel. The matter will be discussed at the Diet of Augsburg.² In a postscript, Capito conveys greetings from Bucer, Hedio, and Farel to Zwingli, Myconius, and Leo Jud.

¹ An edition appeared from the press of Knobloch in Strasbourg, 1525, but without any contribution from Capito.

² The Diet was so poorly attended that it was deferred to Speyer, 1526.