Letter 329: 8 April 1527, [Strasbourg], Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[Summary]: Zwingli's Amica exegesis addressed to Luther has been well received in Strasbourg. Capito admires Zwingli's temperate tone. Bucer's worries on that point were unfounded. The preachers will provide relevant comments on the Amica exegesis. Zwingli's report on [Felix] Manz [not extant; cf. above, Ep. 327] is persuasive. Capito recognizes that the council acted under duress. The Anabaptists in Strasbourg hold doctrines that are even worse. He would never have anticipated such difficulties. Satan is using the Anabaptists for his own purposes, fostering recalcitrance under the guise of love for religion, but Capito is confident that everything will be resolved to the greater glory of God. He recommends the bearer of the letter [not identified], who has been incarcerated on account of his beliefs and fined 8,000 gulden.