

Letter 415: 12 July 1530, Augsburg, Capito and Martin Bucer to the Strasbourg Preachers

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[*Summary*]: They have not yet made a public appearance. Zwingli sent his [*Fidei ratio*] to the emperor [on 3 July]. On 9 July, Georg von Truchsess invited the Lutherans on the emperor's behalf to add a section on the power of the pope. This they did in the blandest terms, fearing that a stronger statement would endanger acceptance of the whole document. On the same day the emperor invited those who protested their faith at the Diet of Speyer to discuss their reservations and follow up on the document they had sent to the emperor [on 7 September 1529]. Also on 9 July, the Confessio Tetrapolitana [see above, Ep. 414] was presented to [Balthasar Mercklin], now bishop of Constance. The emperor is said to have vowed to sacrifice his life rather than accept the proposals of the schismatics. It is rumoured that he has sent envoys to the Turks to negotiate a three-year peace in the hope that he might suppress the gospel in the meantime. They are pleased to hear that the altar of Young St. Peter in Strasbourg has been removed.⁵ They send greetings to Symphorian [Altbisser].

⁵ I.e. in the course of removing images from the churches.