

## **KNOW YOUR FAITH XVI**

### **Scripture Within Scripture**

Almost all of Protestantism agrees that the center authority of our faith is the Bible (*Biblios=Book*). However, one can get overwhelmed by all the information in its various forms and find it difficult to prioritize what is most important in our relationship to God. Again Martin Luther helps us out once again pointing out that there is scripture within scripture or as it put it, "The bible is the Manger in which we find the Christ child." Central to our faith is relationship. The commandments are important, yes. The writings and warnings of the prophets are important, yes. The suggestions and advice of St. Paul and other New Testament writers are important, yes. But central to our faith is a relationship to Jesus Christ who with the help of the Holy Spirit we learn about through preaching and sharing with one another. (Geschrien rather than geschrieben = the spoken word more than the written word). Jesus is more than a story on a page. As someone once wrote (Anon) "May the unending discovery of Who He is, be the unending discovery of who you are." The living Jesus calls us to understand that life is work, life is suffering and life is love. We build our lives with Jesus at the center. Everything else proceeds from that center.