



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

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Today a sizable portion of Christendom remembers Polycarp of Smyrna. He was born in AD69 and was martyred in AD155 at the age of 86 for refusing to burn incense to the emperor. He was a pastor and Bishop. Polycarp is an important link to Jesus and the disciples. He was a student of the Apostle John and is said to have been ordained by him. His writings are some of the earliest of the church aside from the Bible itself. Polycarp is a reminder of the impact the Christian faith had on the early believers. It also shows how fast and far the Gospel spread in those early days following Jesus' death and resurrection.