

**Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**  
Words: Ludwig Helmbold, 1594.  
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Lord, help us ever to retain  
The catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the word of truth  
In simple style to tender youth.

Help us Thy holy law to learn,  
To mourn our sin, and from it turn  
In faith to Thee and to Thy Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
For needed help from day to day  
That as Thy children we may live,  
Whom Thou in baptism did receive.

Lord, when we fall and sin doth stain,  
Absolve and lift us up again;  
And thro' the sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.