

Friday digest

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- Amy Frykholm talks to [Dietrich Brauer, archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Russia](#): "Lutheran churches in Russia have an opportunity to be a church not of priests and charismatic leaders who know all the answers, but of a living people, seeing God's righteousness amidst all the unrighteous kingdoms." (subscription required)
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- Steve Thorngate on [a banner week for inequality and its promoters](#)
- Lou Carlozo [briefly reviews Phil Angotti](#)

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