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In Melanchthon’s house in Wittenberg visitors of our days can read the following lines on a sign: "Without a knowledge of history human life is really no more than a remaining childhood, it could also be said that it is no more than a continuous darkness and blindness". What happened in Wittenberg almost 500 years ago is definitely history. Does it concern us at all?
The history of the Reformation is certainly important for us to know about, as it had such big after-effects, not least for Sweden and the Church of Sweden. It is not the only cause for entering deeply into this part of our heritage, though. Our heritage of belief is rich and may contain unused possibilities for the Church of today, such as may be of help in the basic task of interpreting the Gospel for our time.
This book is an attempt to emphasize the most central part of the evangelical movement - its very core. It refers how this movement was inspired by Luther, how it was expressed in the congregations, and how it made markings in the confession that was read out to the emperor at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.