

Concordia Theological Seminary
Continuing Education

HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF THE LC-MS

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Course Description

This seminar studies the background, founding, and historical development of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Students will examine the development of Synod's institutions, and will selectively study the theology of some of its major figures. Subjects will vary but may include C.F.W. Walther, Wilhelm Loehe, Friedrich Wyneken, Franz Pieper, Georg Stoeckhardt, William Arndt, Theodore Graebner, John Tietjen, and Robert Preus.

Course Outline

Monday, June 2

- Introduction to the Course
- Discussion of Historiography
- The German and American Background
- Wyneken, Löhe, and Early German Lutheran Missions: *MF*, 90-115
- Frankenmuth: *MF*, 118-125
- The Saxon Immigration: *MF*, 131-141 (also Forster, *Zion on the Mississippi*)
- “The Altenburg Theses”
- “First Constitution of the LCMS”
- Church and Ministry, and Polity: *MF*, 166-177.

Tuesday, June 3

- Lutheran Union in the Nineteenth Century: *MF*, 248-267, 278-293
- The Predestination Controversy: *MF*, 267-278
- Walther: “The Thirteen Theses”
- Walther, “The Doctrine Concerning Election”
- Franz Pieper: *The Brief Statement*, 1897 edition
- Franz Pieper: *Conversion and Election*
- Franz Pieper: *Christian Dogmatics*
- Franz Pieper: *The Brief Statement*, 1932 edition

Wednesday, June 4

- The Problem of Lutheran Union: *MF*, 339-343, 362-368

- Rast, “1938, ‘A Statement,’ and the LCMS Today, in *Lord Jesus Christ, Will You not Stay*, 273-296 (Houston : The Feuerhahn Festschrift Committee, 2002).
- The Statement of the “44”: *MF*, 406-436
- “The Common Confession,” Parts I & II
- Martin Scharlemann Texts
 - “The Inerrancy of Scripture”
 - “Revelation and Inspiration”
 - “*God Is One*”
- “*The Mission Affirmations*”
- Schroeder, “Law-Gospel Reductionism in the History of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod”
- *A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles*
- Constable, “Of Congregational and Synodical Authority”; Suelflow, “Congregational Autonomy”
- Mary Todd, “The Curious Case of the Missouri Synod”
- Ralph Bohlmann, “Missouri Lutheranism, 1945 and 1995”
- Walther, “Fidelity to the Written Word : The Burden of the Missouri Synod,” *Concordia Journal*, 1 (March 1975): 69-85

Required Texts

1. Carl S. Meyer, ed., *Moving Frontiers*
2. Kurt Marquart, *Anatomy of an Explosion*

Suggested Texts

1. Walter Forster, *Zion on the Mississippi*
2. August Suelflow, *Servant of the Word* (Walther Biography)