**Dr. John Nordling**

Dr. John Nordling joined the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSW), faculty in 2006 and serves as Professor of Exegetical Theology. He is a graduate of Concordia University, Portland (AA, 1977), Valparaiso University (BA, 1980), and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (MDiv, 1985). Nordling has completed two academic degrees in Classics: the first at Washington University in St. Louis (MA, 1985) and the second at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (PhD dissertation: “Indirect Discourse and Rhetorical Strategies in Caesar’s Bellum Gallicum and Bellum Civile,” 1991).

From 1990-1994 he served as pastor at Grace English Ev. Lutheran Church and School in Chicago, Illinois. He taught in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Valparaiso University (1994-1999) and in the Department of Classics at Baylor University (1999-2006).

Nordling developed Lutheranism & the Classics, a biennial conference wherein pastors, classicists, and educators consider how the classical languages have influenced Lutheranism in the past, and how Greek and Latin are poised to enrich Church, academy, and culture in the future.

He has written for the Concordia Commentary Series (Concordia Publishing House [CPH], 2004), *Religion and Resistance in Early Judaism: Greek Readings in 1 Maccabees and Josephus* (CPH, 2010) for the Concordia Peer Reviewed Series, and a number of academic articles on the Pauline epistles (Philemon, Philippians), slavery, and social issues.

### The Gospel in Philippians

Written to thank Christians at Philippi for their generous gift to him, Paul gives hearty utterance in the letter to the Gospel of Christ Jesus: his thanksgiving to God for the Philippians’ “partnership” in his ministry (1:5), his being torn between going on and living in the body or departing to be with Christ (1:21-24), his “joy” amid the imprisonment (throughout), the Christ hymn (2:5-11), and the nature of their gift itself and its implications for their life together (4:14-19). The present course covers all these themes and then some, and relates them to practical considerations in the parish and ministry.

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Readings:

- Acts 16.
- For a completely different view, though still orthodox: Bo Reicke, Re-examining Paul’s Letters. The History of the Pauline Correspondence (Trinity Press International, 2001), 91-102, 131-140.
- Finally, if you’re up to the challenge, please translate the text selections in Philippians from the original Greek (about 55 verses).