Citation Examples

I. What to Include

In general, the title page of the book being cited provides the best guide for the content and extent of information to include in a bibliographic entry. Proper citation of multivolume works, however, may require the inclusion of information not included on the title page.

II. Classical Sources: Early Latin, Greek, Bible, Church Fathers

Classical sources (including biblical verses) are often cited in parenthetical format (Turabian 16.4.3). In all other cases, uses notes-bibliography style, also known simply as notes style (Turabian 15.3.1).

A. Bible Books

1. Spelled out

“When you refer in text to whole chapters or books of the Bible or the Apocrypha, spell out the names of the books but do not italicize them” (Turabian 24.6).
Jeremiah 42–44 records the flight of the Jews to Egypt.
Psalms; Psalm 22 (but a psalm, the penitential psalms, etc.)

2. Abbreviated

“When you cite biblical passages by verse, abbreviate the names of the books, using arabic numerals if they are numbered (2 Kings). Also use arabic numerals for chapter and verse numbers, with a colon between them” (Turabian 24.6). Be consistent in the style of abbreviations used for biblical books. A list of abbreviations may be found in The SBL Handbook of Style 8.3 (REF PN147 .S26 2014).

Biblical quotations should use the following format: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen 1:1). Notice the locations of the quotation marks, parentheses, and period.
For references to ideas rather than to exact words, use the following format: God created the world in six days (Gen 1:1–2:3).


When citing The Ante-Nicene Fathers and The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, First and Second Series, give the primary reference and the volume and page number within a given series (The SBL Handbook of Style 6.4.5). Provide the full bibliographic citation for the first reference to each series. Subsequent references may be abbreviated using ANF and NPNF in parentheses.

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1 Unless otherwise noted, all English Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV).


III. Ancient Near Eastern Texts


IV. Biblical Commentaries

A. Concordia Commentary Series


\footnote{3} Irenaeus, Against the Heresies 5.2.2 (ANF 1:528).


\footnote{5} Augustine, City of God 22.30 (NPNF\textsuperscript{2} 2:511).


\footnote{7} Athanasius, Against the Arians 3.28.42 (NPNF\textsuperscript{2} 4:416).


\footnote{9} Albrecht Goetze, trans. “Suppilluliumas and the Egyptian Queen” (ANET, 319).

\footnote{10} 4QPlsa\textsuperscript{a} 4-7 II, 2–4. [This means the third copy of a pesher on Isaiah from Qumran Cave 4, joined fragments 4 to 7, column II, lines 2 to 4.]

\footnote{11} Jeffrey A. Gibbs, Matthew 1:1–11:1, Concordia Commentary (St. Louis: Concordia, 2006), 244.
B. *Lenski Commentaries*

1. **Citing Various Volumes**


2. **Citing a Specific Volume**


C. **Keil and Delitzsch**


D. **Kretzmann**


E. **People’s Bible Commentary**


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F. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture

The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture is an excellent resource for finding what the Church Fathers have said concerning the passages of Scripture and is therefore a good place to begin your research into the Fathers. When it is time to cite the Fathers themselves, however, it is best to go to the sources cited in the footnotes of the ACC, rather than citing the ACC itself. This is not to say that the footnotes should be copied verbatim, but that the researcher should go to the sources and examine them in their larger context before citing them.


G. Reformation Commentary on Scripture

The Reformation Commentary on Scripture is an excellent resource for finding what the Reformers have said concerning the passages of Scripture and is therefore a good place to begin your research into the Reformers. When it is time to cite the Reformers themselves, however, it is best to go to the sources cited in the footnotes of the RC, rather than citing the RC itself. This is not to say that the footnotes should be copied verbatim, but that the researcher should go to the sources and examine them in their larger context before citing them.


V. Greek and Hebrew Lexicons

When citing a lexicon, it is conventional to use the Latin abbreviation “s.v.” (sub verbo, meaning “under the word”), followed by the lexicon entry rather than page numbers (Turabian 17.9.1). Give the full citation for the lexicon in the first reference. You may abbreviate subsequent references.

A. BDAG


With the ὅτι following, Ἐκνωμάζω takes on a sense of wonder or astonishment.19

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19 BDAG, s.v. Ἐκνωμάζω 1.a.γ.
B. BDB


Related to the loaded noun שלם, the verb in the piel is “to hallow/consecrate/keep sacred.”21

VI. Luther’s Works

Note that Vogel’s cross-reference of Luther’s writings is BR330 .E5 1955 Suppl. and can be found in Reference, the Marquart Study, and Circulating.

A. American Edition

1. Citing Various Volumes


2. Citing a Specific Volume


21 BDB, s.v. שלום.


23 AE 55:454.

3. Citing Specific Works

Whenever citing a work of Martin Luther, always include the year it was first published, whether in your bibliography or footnotes.


B. Weimarer Ausgabe (Weimar Edition)

The Weimar Edition of Luther’s Works is composed of Luther’s writings or works (Schriften), and three subseries: Table Talk (Tischreden), the German Bible (Die deutsche Bibel), and letters (Briefe). The volumes of each of the three subseries are numbered separately. Each series should have its own bibliography entry. Provide a full bibliographic citation for the first reference to each series. An abbreviated citation may be used for subsequent references.


Note: Some WA volumes are divided into multiple parts. For theses, use a slash and arabic numerals to separate volume and part numbers. 29 One of the volumes is divided into parts and sections. For this, use a slash and a period with arabic numerals. 30


26 Luther, “Treatise on the Last Words of David” (1543), AE 15:338.


28 WA 54:180.

29 WA 30/2:123. [Read as, Weimarer Ausgabe volume 30, part 2, page 123.]

30 WA 10/1.2:256. [Read as, Weimarer Ausgabe volume 10, part 1, section 2, page 256.]


32 WA Br 1:111.

**VII. Lutheran Confessions**

When citing the Lutheran Confessions, give the citation for the confessional document in parentheses similar to a Scripture citation. Give section and article numbers in roman numerals and line numbers in arabic numerals without punctuation between. Give the reference for the edition of the Book of Concord you are using in the footnote. The full bibliographic citation must be given for the first reference. An abbreviated citation may be given for subsequent references.

“This therefore we should and must insist that God does not want to deal with us human beings, except by means of his external Word and sacrament. Everything that boasts of being from the Spirit apart from such a Word and sacrament is of the devil” (SA III VIII 10–11).\(^{37}\)

“Concerning church order they teach that no one should teach publicly in the church or administer the sacraments unless properly called” (AC XIV).\(^{38}\)

**A. Main Sources**


McCain, Paul Timothy et al., eds. *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions; A Reader’s Edition of the Book of Concord*. 2nd ed. St. Louis: Concordia, 2006. [In the case of two subtitles, either follow the punctuation in the original or use a colon before the first and a semicolon before the second (*Turabian* 17.1.2).]

*Triglot Concordia: The Symbolical Books of the Ev. Lutheran Church, German-Latin-English; Published as a Memorial of the Quadricentenary Jubilee of the Reformation Anno Domini 1917 by Resolution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*. St. Louis: Concordia, 1921.


\(^{34}\) WA DB 7:454–55.


\(^{36}\) WA TR 2:378.


\(^{38}\) Kolb-Wengert, 47.
**B. Abbreviations**

AC The Augsburg Confession [Sometimes CA (*Confessio Augustana*)]
Ap Apology of the Augsburg Confession
BC Book of Concord
Ep Epitome of the Formula of Concord
FC Formula of Concord
LC Large Catechism
SA Smalcald Articles
SC Small Catechism
SD Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord
Tr Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope

**VIII. Lutheran Dogmatics**

**A. Chemnitz**


**B. Gerhard**


**C. Pieper’s Dogmatics**


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IX. LCMS

A. Convention Proceedings


B. Convention Resolutions


C. Handbook


D. CTCR Reports

Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice. A Report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations. St. Louis: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 1985. [Notice how to cite CTCR reports, since the authors are sometimes not members of the CTCR.]46

E. Hymnals & Catechism


Lutheran Service Book. Prepared by the Commission on Worship of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. St. Louis, Concordia, 2006.48

Lutheran Service Book Agenda. Prepared by the Commission on Worship of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. St. Louis, Concordia, 2006.49


Lutheran Worship. Prepared by the Commission on Worship of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. St. Louis, Concordia, 1982.50

Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation. St. Louis, Concordia, 2017.51

X. Lutheran Study Bible and Apocrypha


48 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart,” in Lutheran Service Book, prepared by the Commission on Worship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (St. Louis: Concordia, 2006), 708.

49 “Committal,” in Lutheran Service Book Agenda, prepared by the Commission on Worship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (St. Louis: Concordia, 2006), 128.

50 “This Joyful Eastertide,” in Lutheran Worship, prepared by the Commission on Worship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (St. Louis: Concordia, 1982), Hymn 140.

51 “An Explanation of the Small Catechism,” Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation (St. Louis: Concordia, 2017), 111–112.


53 The Lutheran Study Bible: English Standard Version, ed. Edward A. Engelbrecht et al. (St. Louis: Concordia, 2009), 354. [Notice how to cite a particular edition of the Bible, necessary when using any material beyond the actual biblical text itself. When there are three or more names of authors or editors listed on the title page, “et al.” may be used in the footnotes, though all the names should appear in the bibliography.]