

**Adult Faith Formation Committee**  
of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the ELCA

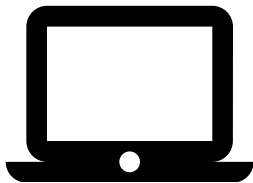


# **EXPLORING THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS**

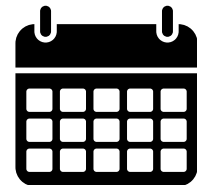
**INSTRUCTOR: PASTOR CHRIS REPP**

What we believe about God affects how we talk about God. How we talk about God determines whether we proclaim the gospel or some other message that is not faithful to who God is and what God is up to in Jesus Christ. This realization is what set Martin Luther and his colleagues down the path of reform 500 years ago. It is the enduring legacy of the Lutheran movement and a gift to the ecumenical church. Join Pastor Chris Repp this fall for a study of the Lutheran Confessions to see how these texts continue to be vitally important to the mission of the church today.

## **Participate Online via Zoom**



9 a.m. - 12 p.m. CDT  
Saturdays September 18;  
October 2, 16 & 30;  
November 20; and December 4



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## **Registration Information:**

Cost: \$75 - Adult Learner or \$150 - SAM Student  
Approved for students in the Synodically Authorized Ministry program  
See next page for more course details

For additional information or to inquire about available scholarship funds please email Pastor S. Blake Duncan [prblake1@yahoo.com](mailto:prblake1@yahoo.com)

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

**Instructor Biography:**

Pastor Chris Repp received his undergraduate degree in Russian Language and Literature from Purdue University, an M.Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Russian History from the University of Illinois at Chicago. From 1999 to 2003 he served as an ELCA missionary in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he taught Church History and Systematic and Confessional Theology at a Russian Lutheran seminary. He then served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale for 12 years before accepting his current call to Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign in 2015. A former member and chair of the ELCA's Global Mission Program Committee, he now chairs the synod's Candidacy Committee and serves on the board of the Crossings Community (crossings.org), an organization that lifts up the insights of the Lutheran Confessions for both preaching and daily Christian life. He is married to Helen, a native of the UK, who currently works in academic publishing. They have 3 adult children, Andrew, James, and Marian, and a seven-year-old Standard Schnauzer named Zoya.



**Course Details:**

This course is available for any adult who would like to deepen their understanding of our Lutheran Heritage and the Lutheran Confessions.

The class will also fulfill a requirement for those who wish to become available for Synodically Authorized Ministry (SAM). Students who are working towards completing the SAM education program will have additional assignments in addition to participating online and reading the course materials.



**Required Materials**

- o Robert Kolb, Timothy Wengert, eds., *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000)
- o Martin J. Lohmann, *Book of Harmony: Spirit and Service in the Lutheran Confessions* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016)

Please detach and send registration form with check by Aug 25, 2021:  
REGISTRAR, C/SIS-ELCA, 524 S. 5th St, Springfield, IL 62701



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Adult Learner

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 SAM Student

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