

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part I

I. Introduction

- a. What is the only source and norm for faith and life?
- b. What purpose does the Book of Concord (the Lutheran Confessions) serve?

II. The Book of Concord: The Lutheran Confessions

a. *Its Contents and Their Stories*

- i. *Apostles' Creed***
- ii. *Nicene Creed***
- iii. *Athanasian Creed***
 1. Historical context(s):
 2. Aim:
 3. Use and utility today:

iv. *Augsburg Confession*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

v. *Apology of the Augsburg Confession*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

vi. *Smalcald Articles*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

vii. *Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

viii. *Small Catechism*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

ix. *Large Catechism*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

x. *Formula of Concord – Epitome*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

xi. *Formula of Concord – Solid Declaration*

1. Historical context:

2. Aim:

3. Use and utility today:

b. *Widely Used English Translations*