

Lutheran Identity – Lay Academy - Spring 2 – The Rev. Phillip Heinze  
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### **Required Texts**

Where God Meets Man Gerhard Forde, Augsburg 1972 ISBN 0-8066-1235-5 On Being Lutheran Timothy Lull, Augsburg 2006 ISBN 0-8066-8001-6

### Semi-required Reading:

Pastor Phil's daily lectionary blog [www.livingthelectionary.blogspot.com](http://www.livingthelectionary.blogspot.com)

### Suggested Reading

The Lutherans L. DeAne Lagerquist, Praeger Publishers 1999 ISBN 0-275-96393-4

Justification Carl E. Braaten, Fortress Press 1990 ISBN 0-8006-2403-3

Principles of Lutheran Theology Carle E. Braaten, Fortress Press 1983 ISBN 0-8006-1689-8 The

Theology of Martin Luther Paul Althaus Fortress Press 1966 ISBN 0-8006-1855-6 Fortress

Introduction to Lutheranism Eric Gritsch, Fortress Press 1994 ISBN 0-8006-2780-6 Fortress

Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions Günther Gassmann and Scott Hendrix, Fortress Press 1999 ISBN 0-8006-3162-5

Lutherans Today *American Lutheran Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century* editor Richard Cimino , Eerdmans Publishing Co.2003 ISBN 0-8028-1365-8

The Book of Concord

### **Course Description**

Lutheran Identity will help students understand the unique contributions of the Lutheran expression of Christianity in the following areas:

- 1.) History
- 2.) Theology
- 3.) Practice

### **Learning Outcomes**

Become familiar with the major themes of Lutheran theology

Become familiar with the practice of Lutheranism as it relates to history and theology

Be able to clearly articulate the Lutheran expression of Christianity

### **First session**

Head - Lutheran History – Who are we?

**Assignment** - by **April's class** Read On Being Lutheran Section One chapters 2 – 14 and choose ONE of the chapters and answer the reflection questions

Read Where God Meets Man

### **Second session**

Heart - Lutheran Theology – What do we believe?

**Assignment** - Read On Being Lutheran Section Two and Three chapters 15 - 29 and choose ONE of the chapters from Section Two and ONE of the chapters from Section Three and answer the reflection questions.

### **Third session**

Hand - Lutheran Practice – How do we behave?

**Assignment** - choose ONE of the final projects on the back of this paper.

## **FINAL PROJECT**

(due one month after the November class)

### **History**

Prepare a presentation of Lutheran history suitable for adult, confirmation, or elementary education.

Research and write a paper on the history of your congregation.

### **Theology**

Prepare a presentation of Lutheran theology suitable for adult, confirmation, or elementary education.

Research and write a paper on your personal faith as it relates to Lutheran theology.

### **Practice**

Prepare a presentation of Lutheran practice suitable for adult, confirmation, or elementary education

Detail and critique your congregation's Lutheran practice.

### **Synthesis**

Write a paper on the interrelation of history, theology, and practice in Lutheran Identity.

### **Artistic Expression**

Paint, draw, compose, sculpt an expression of Lutheran Identity. Include a short "paper" or a written description on how your art expresses your Lutheran Identity.