



Independent Lutheran Seminary

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Dear Friend in Christ Jesus:

Thank-you so much for inquiring about our courses! We are excited about enabling interested individuals to become more educated in Christian Doctrine and Theology with the possibility of becoming Christian leaders in their community. We currently offer 4 courses of study. Upon completion of each course, you will be given a Diploma certifying that you have met the requirements for that course. We offer a solid course program for the active Christian and anyone who likes to improve his knowledge, spirituality or religious experience with a degree diploma. Our courses are not novelty degrees, but require actual study and examination. Nevertheless, all our educational programs are self-paced, which considers your time available and personal entry level. We also assist by providing you online help throughout the entire course. You can reach us anytime by mail, e-mail or phone and talk to an instructor. For those who qualify, after fulfilling the requirements of all four courses, you may request ordination as an Independent Lutheran Pastor. Although we are a non-accredited school, it is our belief that the high costs of seminary education and or lack of college education should not hinder those whom God has called to ministry. Enclosed is an application for study and an outline of the courses, textbooks needed. All courses are free. May the Lord richly bless you as you pursue His Will for your life.

In His Service,

Rev. Robbie H. Osmundson



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Courses of Study

Recommended for use is the Concordia Study Bible (NIV) (This edition also available in cd-rom version) or the Holy Bible (KJV, NKJV, NASB)
All Courses are free. Diploma sent upon completion.

Course on Pietist Doctrine

Textbooks:

Pia Desideria by Philip Jacob Spener

True Christianity by Johann Arndt

This course explores the beginnings of the Pietist movement in the Lutheran church which spread to Norway and other Scandinavian countries besides the European continent. Gives insight as to why Pietism is an important concept for today. **Included FREE with the course** is the 1878 American Edition, English version of Pontopiddan's Norwegian Catechism used within the original ELCA, Norwegian, AFLC, Hauge, Lutheran Brethren and Eielsen Synods which were founded on the Pietist movement.

Course on Christian Doctrine

Textbooks:

The Lutheran Way of Salvation by Rev. G. H. Gerberding. **(included FREE)**

Summarizes in clear detail the Lutheran viewpoint on major theological and doctrinal issues.

A Summary of Christian Doctrine by Edward W. A. Koehler

(optional) Christian Dogmatics by John Theodore Mueller

(both available on 1 cd-rom)

Course on Lutheran Confessions

Textbooks:

Concordia – The Lutheran Confessions or **The Book of Concord**

Goes through the Confessions of the Lutheran church and what Lutherans really believe and teach. Course focuses on the **Unaltered Augsburg Confession**.

Augsburg Today by David L. Mahsman, editor

Articles by various authors on each article in the Augsburg Confession

Course on Systematic Theology

Textbook:

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem (available also as an e-book)

Compares various doctrinal issues in the light of major denominations. Shows which resources give the Lutheran point of view along with other denominations.

Completion of the above courses are necessary to be considered for ordination to the ministry in the Independent Lutheran Diocese to those who qualify.

For those who are unable to afford textbooks:

- all textbooks may be available through local inter-library loan

Current prices for text books and CDs as of 1-25-06

Course PD

Pia Desideria list price \$15.00 Augsburg Fortress Publishing
True Christianity list price \$22.95 Paulist Press

Course CD

A Summary of Christian Doctrine list price \$19.99 Concordia Publishing House
Christian Dogmatics list price \$30.99 Concordia Publishing House
Both available on one CD for \$34.99 - Collection 5 Concordia Publishing House

Course LC

Concordia list price \$24.99 Available from Concordia Publishing House
Or Book of Concord list \$33.75
Available on CD for \$40.99 Collection 5 from Concordia (has other works incl)
Available in PDF Download for **FREE** from: <http://www.bookofconcord.org/>
(this one has text only with no historical notes)
Augsburg Today list \$6.99 Available from Concordia Publishing House

Course ST

Systematic Theology list price \$39.99 Zondervan Publishing
Available as e-book from Zondervan for \$31.99

Concordia Study Bible available on CD Collection 1 \$34.99 Concordia Pub.
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Application for Seminary Courses

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

E-mail Address:

Current Church:

Have you been baptized? Confirmed? (when, where & denomination):

Please describe why you would like to take our courses:

Please describe how you came to faith in Jesus Christ:

Course(s) you are applying for (circle appropriate): PD CD LC ST

If qualified, are you considering becoming an ordained Lutheran Pastor? Y N