

HT 356W Teaching Luther's Small Catechism

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1 credit; credit/no credit only

Synchronous only; may fulfill the Youth and Family Ministry requirement

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this seminar, participants will explore the theology of Martin Luther's Small Catechism, engage it as learners and teachers, and develop resources for using the catechism in congregational settings.

OBJECTIVES

1. To grow in personal knowledge and faith through the study of Luther's Small Catechism
2. To build skills for using and teaching the Small Catechism in parish settings
3. To engage the Small Catechism as a resource for sharing the gospel
3. To learn and reflect upon cross-cultural and intergenerational uses of the Small Catechism

PROCEDURES & EVALUATION

The course will use a seminar format that revolves around in-class discussion of assigned readings and reflection upon personal experiences with the Small Catechism. Students will write and share short papers/projects throughout the semester.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. *The Book of Concord*, Kolb and Wengert, eds. (Fortress, 2000)
2. *Luther's Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections*, by Joseph Bocko, et al. (Augsburg Fortress, 2019)
3. *Luther's Small Catechism: An Exposition of the Christian Faith in Asian Contexts and Cultures*, edited by Paul Rajashekar (ELCA Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders, 2017).
4. Timothy Wengert, *Martin Luther's Catechisms: Forming the Faith* (Fortress, 2009)