

Lutheran Confessions

The Lutheran Confessions, also called the Book of Concord, contain important texts that summarize Lutheran beliefs. Specifically, it includes the three ecumenical creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Defense of the Augsburg Confession, the Large and Small Catechisms, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, the Epitome of the Formula of Concord (which is like a summary), and the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord (which expands on the Epitome).

And the Lutheran Confessions are often mind-blowingly amazing! You can download the free text [here](#) or the "[Readers' Edition](#)" is really good!

Lutheran church workers typically swear to uphold the Book of Concord at their first placement, but you don't have to be over 20 before you start reading these texts. Middle school or junior high is a *great* time to introduce kids to Luther's Large Catechism!

This is what we've compiled thus far:

Reading Plans

- A 40-day Lenten plan from CPH, originally available [here](#).
- A summer reading schedule for reading [Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, A Reader's Edition](#) is available [here](#), by RCF and hosted on the website, [A Shepherd's Story](#), run by Rev. Johann Caauwe, a wonderful WELS pastor. The schedule begins on May 30th on introductory material.
- A summer reading schedule for other editions, including [Tappert](#), [Kolb-Wengert](#), the [Triglotta](#), and [Die Bekenntnis-Schriften](#), is [here](#), by Michael D.Henson. This one begins June 1.
 - *I love that that Trig & Die Bekenntnis-Schriften were included!!*
 - There's actually a [\\$.99 Kindle edition of the Trig](#), but I'm not sure how that pans out or CPH has a print on demand version [here](#).
 - I dream of homeschooling families going through the Triglotta, in its three languages, together.
- Yearly plan: I think the same Monday through Friday plan is available in both of these places. Begin any time with week one.
 - [Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, A Reader's Edition](#), pp. 19-22
 - [BookofConcord.org](#) (I love that site and it's just been improved!)

[BookofConcord.org](#) has a *lot* of great resources.

<https://www.lutheranhomeschool.com/product/lutheran-confessions/>