# Lutheran Foundational & Educational Resources

### **Lutheran Service Book: Pew Edition**

This "pew edition" is what we use in worship and contains many helpful resources for personal daily devotion. This specific hymnal was meant to be a bridge that could unite our church body by bringing the best and favorite services and hymns from four previous hymnal editions.

# Concordia:TheLutheran Confessions-A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord 2nd edition

This is an outstanding edition of the Lutheran Confessions with helpful commentary. This is a foundational book that guides so much of our church practice. This contains the Small and Large Catechisms, and is meant to be a helpful companion to the Bible that can help us to understand difficult concepts.

# <u>Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation</u> - 2017 Edition

This contains the Six Chief Parts of Lutheran Biblical Understanding. This is always a great reference to have at home. The small catechism is one section of the Lutheran Confessions and is the foundational text for confirmation instruction.

## **The Lutheran Study Bible - Hardback**

This study Bible uses the very reliably accurate ESV version of the BIble and contains an incredible collection of all new footnotes written by LCMS college and seminary faculty.

# **Lutheran Bible Companion Set**

The goal of this two volume set is to expand further into history, culture, and context where the footnotes of The Lutheran Study Bible ends.

### **Gathered Guests - 2nd edition**

This book is one of my favorites. It is written at a level that anyone with any prior knowledge can understand and appreciate and has many helpful illustrations. It is meant to explain the symbolism and meaning behind everything having to do with worship in the Lutheran tradition. From church architecture, to vestments, special services, the church year, etc, this will help anyone have a fuller appreciation for what it is that we do in worship. It is also written to match the Lutheran Service Book.

# Law and Gospel: How to Read and Apply the Bible

This is the foundational doctrine that guides distinctly Lutheran preaching, teaching, devotion, and even personal reading of the Bible. This is something that changed the way I view faith and life. I like to say that an understanding of this book and concepts helps us to see Jesus more clearly. This newer edition is written in an easier to digest fashion for the full church to appreciate.

## **The Lutheran Difference**

This is a collection of explanations about what Lutherans by definition believe on a vast collection of issues and doctrines. It's a great reference book to have on hand as questions arise.

## Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran? Instruction, Meditation, and Prayers on Luther's Small Catechism

Rev. Matthew Harrison, president of the LCMS, wrote this devotional based on the Small Catechism with the mindset that our most central beliefs should ease our conscience and help us meet each day with joy in Christ.