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HOW TO CITE THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

The Lutheran Confessions should be referenced with reference to the Confession, part (where there is one) article, and paragraph. Since different people may be using different editions of the Confessions, simply giving a page number from a particular edition / translation is *not* sufficient.

Where *occasional* references are made to the Lutheran Confessions, confession, article, and paragraph are to be used, along with a page reference to the edition used.

First Reference:

Formula of Concord, Epitome I.10 in Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert, eds., *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000), 489.

Second Reference:

Formula of Concord, Epitome II.5 in Kolb and Wengert, 492.

Reference to a Confession *in the body of the text* should always be by spelling out the Confession, never by abbreviation. Confessions are capitalized, but not italicized or in quotation marks. In the body of the text, no reference is made to a particular edition or translation, unless a comparison is being made between two different editions or translations.

Where *numerous* references are made to the Lutheran Confessions, a List of Abbreviations shall be included in the front matter of the paper, as follows:

AC	The Augsburg Confession
Apol	Apology of the Augsburg Confession
SA	The Smalcald Articles
Tr	Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope
SC	The Small Catechism
LC	The Large Catechism
FC Ep	Formula of Concord, Epitome
FC SD	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration

Where a single edition of the Confessions is used throughout, this information follows the List of Abbreviations: All references to the Lutheran Confessions are from Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert, eds., *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000).

References to a Confession may then be incorporated in brackets into the text of following a quotation without reference to the edition. No footnote is then needed.

Alternatively, references to the Confessions may be placed into a footnote using the following format:

FC Ep I.10 in Kolb and Wengert, 489.

In the bibliography, the reference to the Lutheran Confessions is cited as follows:

Kolb, Robert, and Timothy J. Wengert, eds. *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2000.

In citing the catechisms, the number of the chief part is listed in the same way as the article number in other confessional writings.

SC IV. 15

In citing the Smalcald Articles, the number of the part precedes the number of the article:

SA III.XIII.2.