

1981 Riess Lecture

Cardinal Principles of Lutheranism



**Concordia Seminary
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**Wednesday, October 28, 1981
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The Rev. Edward C. Fredrich is professor of church history and chairman of the Department of Church History at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. He edits the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* as well as being a contributing editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. He has served on the board of directors of the Lutheran Historical Conference since 1976.

He earned the B.A. degree at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1938 and received his theological education at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon between 1938 and 1941. He earned the M.A. degree in history at Michigan State University in 1958.

Prior to assuming his present position, he served in teaching capacities at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, from 1964 until 1970 and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, from 1954 until 1964. From 1948 until 1954 he served as pastor at Paul the Apostle Church, Detroit, Michigan. He started his teaching career at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as instructor in 1941, and later, from 1945-1948 served that institution as principal.

In 1979, he presented an essay to the Congress on Lutheran Confessions, and in prior years has presented essays to the Synodical Conference and the Lutheran Historical Conference.

In Commemoration
of the
450th Anniversary
of the
Apology of the Augsburg Confession

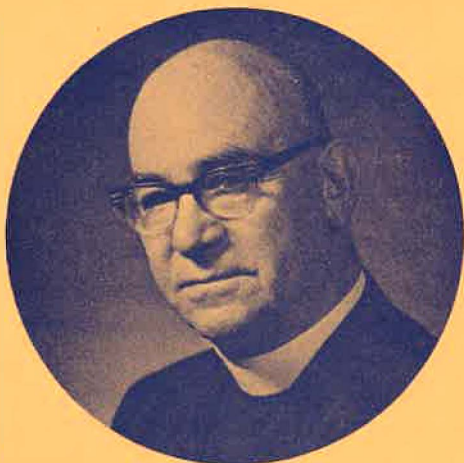
Professor Edward C. Fredrich
Speaks on
"The Relevance of the Apology Today"

A noted student of the Lutheran Confessions, Professor Fredrich will take us back to the days of the Augsburg Confession and the intense dialog between Roman Catholic and Lutheran theologians, which finally led to the drafting of the Apology by Philip Melanchthon.

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In his presentation, Professor Fredrich will address such questions as:

- What is the essential theology of the Apology?
- What does subscription to the Apology imply today?
- What is the role of the Apology today in the history of Lutheranism?



OSWALD G. L. RIESS

The cardinal truths of Lutheranism have been the “magnificent obsession” of the life and ministry of the Rev. Oswald Riess. Concern for these cardinal truths flows through more than fifty years of ministry, and through books written, according to his own admission, “often in the dawn hours.”

Volumes produced by Dr. Riess include: To Know Him, That I May Know Him, What Does the Bible Say?, and Born to Live.

Dr. Riess writes: “The real joy of all this has been the realization — and the conviction — that the cardinal truths of Lutheranism still stir and move as ever before.” Most recently at age 79, he has co-authored a confirmation book of instruction for youth. Of that task he says, “What an exciting job it turned out to be!”

Concordia Seminary is grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Riess for their generosity in establishing this lectureship for the benefit of the students and friends of Concordia Seminary.