

## Acknowledgments

**I**n grateful thanks and praise to the Savior-God who has permitted me to serve in the pastoral ministry, I am moved to share with others this course of adult instruction. It has been approved for doctrinal content by the Board of Doctrine of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). All may freely use and duplicate this course as offered, in part or in whole, for personal or group use, as needed. While this course has been in production for many years, it is not offered for all to use as the only or even the best way for each to communicate the Gospel. May this material rather serve as a basis on which those who follow after may be encouraged in continuing to refine and improve their own teaching methods. There is one restriction: those who alter the doctrinal content are to offer such changes as their own and not representative of the teachings either of the author or of the CLC.

**T**his course uses the inductive method of teaching, especially with a student's self-instruction in mind. We wish to thank those who have contributed to numerous past revisions. The current revision has been made for the purpose of greater clarity, both in presentation and format. Such improvements were suggested by what seemed to have worked, as well as by what didn't seem to work, in actual teaching usage. The majority of the work involved with this revision has been done by the eldest of four sons serving in the pastoral ministry. Over and above the current improvements in presentation and format, it continues to be one of the major aims of this course to follow the positive principle embodied in the final thesis of Dr. C. F. W. Walther's 'Law And Gospel:'

*"In the twenty-first place, the Word of God is not rightly divided when the person teaching it does not allow the Gospel to have a general predominance in his teaching."*

**W**e look forward to possible future revisions of this instruction course. To this end we invite all who use It to offer both suggestions and criticisms. It is the Spirit's cause which the author aspires to serve, to present the Gospel which is the power that is able to lead poor sinners to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Soli Deo Gloria

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