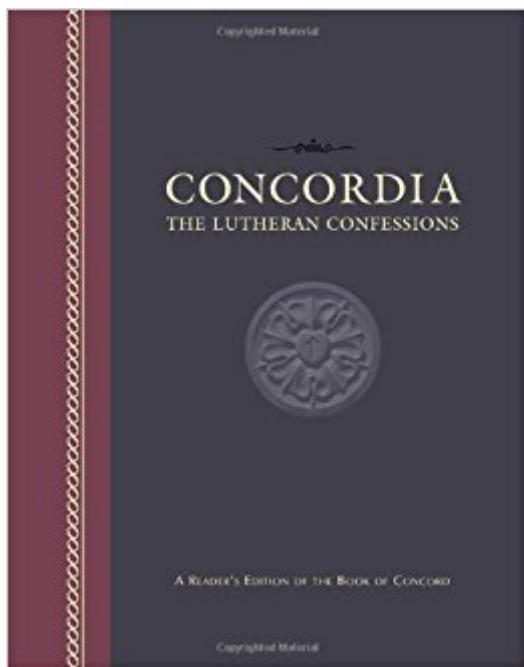


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Customer Reviews

This book was very solidly put together. I use the book weekly and often on a daily basis. The contents of this book are such that I am constantly going between the different sections, turning pages back and forth. It has stood up well and still does not show any signs of wear.

While I love the hard copy of the readers edition of the BoC, this Kindle edition is unbelievably difficult to use as it is not indexed very well. For example, if you want to find a specific article in the Apology, you have to go to the beginning of the Apology and flip through page by page. Very tedious. I am very disappointed.

I have the hard copy version of this and daily use it in conjunction with "The Treasury of Daily Prayer" (TTDP)--following the daily readings in both. The reason I wanted an electronic version was that while I don't travel often, when I do it can be for weeks at a time and having both devotionals on my iPad/iPod saves a lot of suitcase space (not to mention weight). If I always used the Kindle version it wouldn't be so bad as I'd just flip from page to page, but when I haven't used it in months and then try to look up the daily reading from TTDP it can take 10's of minutes to find the reference. At my current font size, there are > 15,000 pages and there are a total of *only 21* entries in the Table of Contents. Trying to find a reference in one of the larger sections is very frustrating unless it is near where the index link takes you. While you can quickly jump or scroll to a specific page, there is nothing on the page to tell you where you are. You get the standard paragraph numbering, but you have to move backward or forward page by page to find a section/subsection title to get any kind of context. From there you can tell which direction to move, but you have to do it page by page and track the titles as they go by so that you don't overshoot. For instance, the Apology to the Augsburg Confession is almost 4000 pages long; unless you've memorized the number of articles and know their relative sizes so that you can make some kind of a reasonable guess as to approximately which page to shoot for (which I have not), you can expect to be touching that right (or left if you've gone to far) side of the screen literally thousands of times to find what you're looking for. This may be a limitation of the Kindle format; if there is an easier way I'd be thrilled to hear of it. It also does not have the notes and pictures of the book version which to me is less important than the indexing issue, but that isn't mentioned specifically in the description; it just has the "official texts". For the iPad/iPhone/iPod Touch I'd recommend instead the *free* "Triglotta-The Book of Concord" app which has a much finer resolution Table of Contents.

In perfect condition. Contains all the tenets of the Lutheran/Christian faith. Not just for pastors and lay leaders but the person in the pew. Takes time to absorb but has stood the test of time for more than 400 years.

I'm very glad this edition is available. Obviously, the theology is spot on and should be available to all in an easily understood version. This edition provides that. I do have a few complaints about the formatting though. There are some weird word breaks and gaps in the text that should not be there. The bigger problem with this digital edition is that you can't navigate easily through the sections. If I want to go to, say, Article X of the Augsburg Confession, I have to either flip through each page, or use the little scroller at the bottom and guess where I am. And there are no Headings

at the top of the page to tell you which book you are in, so if you set the book aside for a few days and then return to the place bookmarked, you have to remember if you're in the Smalcald Articles, or the Treatise or whatever. Maybe it's no big deal, but it is an irritant. Overall, though, this is an excellent edition to have on your digital device, and \$10 bucks is not a bad price.

Easy to read history of Martin Luther and his reformers. This book is filled with amazing insights into the historical, political, social and religious climate during the reformation in Germany. The introductions to each section and article of the Augsburg confession are very helpful. Great read to remember where most of our American church's came from.

Beautifully printed and bound, elegant design, superior translation. Bought as a gift for a friend who says it's among the finest volumes in his library.

I like this version of the Book of Concord better than the Triglotta. The language has been updated to more modern English. It was well worth the \$9.99 and has been a helpful reference for me in Bible Class as well as my private reading. You want to know what the Bible teaches on any subject? You'll find it here.

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