

LUTHERAN
theological seminary
SASKATOON



From Our President

Dear Friends,

The church is changing and so are we, even as our call to live and share God's good news of love in the world remains.

Every parishioner, every congregation, every leader knows the challenge. Our world needs the grace that we encounter in Christ Jesus and the transformation that the Holy Spirit works within and among us. The church needs the resources to meet this moment.

We are Here For You.

Today, LTS is a new kind of theological school. Working with our Saskatoon Theological Union partners, we are walking with the church every step of the way. If you are in the ELCIC in the West, then we are in your neighbourhood—living among you, participating with you, supporting you.

Our classroom is Western Canada, and so is our life.

We invite you to partner with us, so that this work can continue right here among us. Our goal is to raise $1.5 million, which is a big sum for a school of our size. Frankly, that means asking that you give generously to support our three big needs:

A Lutheran Voice: Sustain Lutheran professors, who will continue to support the church and prepare leaders for lay and ordained ministry as the world changes.

Opening Doors: Help us to connect with today's students and tomorrow's, the church's future leaders.

Across Western Canada: Enable us to be where you are, providing classes and workshops in all parts of our vast and beautiful region.

We welcome you to be here with us, as we are Here For You!

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. William Harrison

Here For You

Why Now?

The church in Western Canada is changing. Congregations and synods are navigating new realities. Communities are becoming more diverse and more complex. Leaders are being asked to serve with theological depth, pastoral imagination, and resilience in the face of uncertainty.

In such a moment, the need for grounded, thoughtful, and faithful leadership has not diminished; it has intensified.

For nearly a century, LTS has been here: forming pastors and deacons, equipping leaders, and serving congregations across an immense and varied territory. We have remained present through seasons of growth and seasons of challenge alike.

Today, more than a decade since our last major community investment, we find ourselves at another important threshold. The questions facing the church are significant. The opportunities are real. And the responsibility to prepare leaders who can think theologically and serve faithfully has never been greater.



Deacons in the ELCIC

This is a moment for strengthening the foundation.

By sustaining excellent faculty, enhancing the tools that support teaching and visibility, and extending our presence across Western Canada, we ensure that Lutheran theological education remains accessible, rigorous, and responsive.

We are here: for students discerning their call, for congregations and synods seeking guidance, and for a church learning to live faithfully in a new time.

Now is the time to invest in that presence.

A Lutheran Voice

The heart of theological education is not a building or a program; it is faithful, thoughtful teachers.

At LTS, our faculty serve as interpreters of faith for the church: scholars who think deeply, teachers who instruct thoughtfully, and mentors who form students for lives of service. By sustaining excellent faculty, we ensure that Lutheran theology remains living, rigorous, and responsive in a changing world.





William Harrison

I teach historical theology and ethics. I am especially interested in today's changing church and the insights that the past brings to our life.



Kayko Driedger Hesslein

I am called to help students develop theological voices that are deeply grounded in Lutheran foundations of justification by faith, the work of the Holy Spirit in calling us to the Gospel, and the freedom we are given to serve those in need.



Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero

I am called to equip emerging and existing leaders to join in Christ's work of reconciliation and healing locally and globally, weaving together Lutheran theology and ministry practices informed by ecumenical partners and contextual realities.

Opening Doors

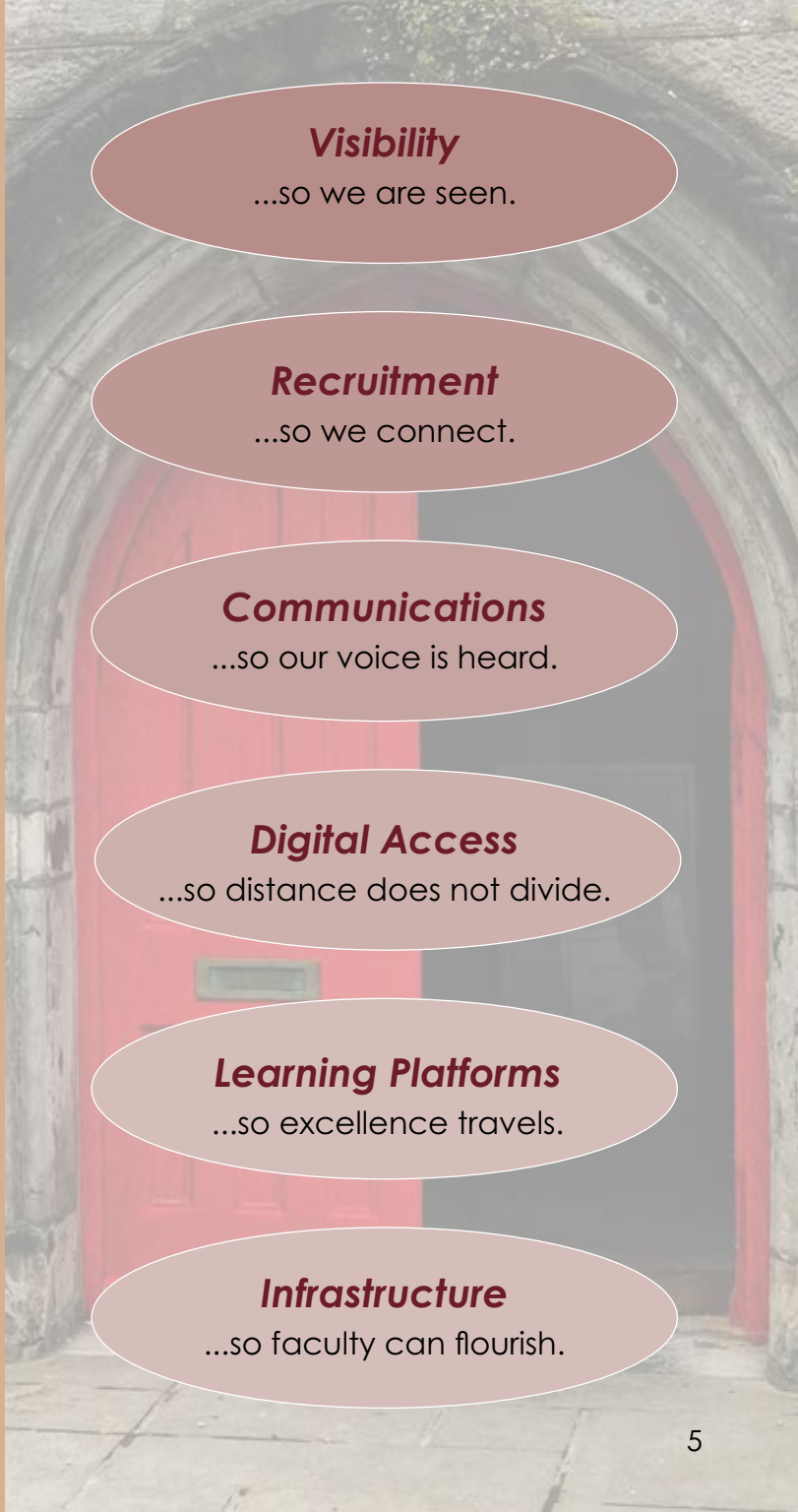
LTS requires strong tools and systems to support teaching, visibility, and growth.

Behind every lecture delivered, every student recruited, every course made accessible across distance, there are systems at work.

When those systems are strong, faculty flourish.

When they are weak, mission narrows.

When you invest in the tools that equip, you strengthen the systems that sustain formation. You make excellence possible.



Across Western Canada

LTS serves an immense geographic territory through active presence.

The church is not gathered in one place, and neither is our teaching. Across cities, towns, and rural communities, LTS faculty travel to serve congregations and equip leaders in context. In doing so, we extend Lutheran formation beyond the classroom and into the living reality of the church.



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Our Invitation

Saskatchewan Synod
ELCIC

Ali Tote, Bishop of Saskatchewan

Lutheran theological education helps the church remain deeply rooted while responding faithfully to a changing world. In Saskatchewan, our congregations need leaders grounded in Scripture, grace, and the Lutheran tradition, who can serve communities with wisdom, imagination, and hope. Investing in their formation strengthens the whole church for the work ahead.

SYNOD OF ALBERTA AND THE TERRITORIES
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Trish Schmermund, Bishop of Alberta & The Territories

Strong Lutheran theological education matters! Congregations need leaders who are ready for the world we actually live in. Leaders who can preach grace when life is hard, ask faithful questions when certainty fails, build community, and help us recognize God at work among us. By investing in theological education, we ensure the vitality, courage and future of God's people

British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Kathy Martin, Bishop of British Columbia

None of us knows exactly what theological education in Western Canada will look like into the future. But we do know that the One who calls the church is faithful. Perhaps this allows us to be courageous and imaginative in this time and place.

MANITOBA / NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Jason Zinko, Bishop of Manitoba Northwestern Ontario

Across our church, congregations insist on strong 'Lutheran' leaders. Our theology that lifts up God's grace as the central focus is needed in our ministries and in our society more than ever, even as we work more closely with ecumenical partners and in shared ministries. We need well-trained theological leaders to help us move faithfully in the direction that God has set.

Join us in strengthening the leadership of the church for the years ahead.

Together, we remain here:

for students, for congregations, and for the world.

Here For You:
today, and for the future of the church

To learn more, ask questions, or explore how you might support this work, please contact:

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