

## Preface

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2005 marks the 475<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530 and the 425<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Book of Concord on June 25, 1575. To commemorate these important occasions, 10 essays prepared by seminary professors and theologians from member churches of the International Lutheran Council have been prepared to present an overview of each of the Book of Concord's component parts. A Spanish translation of these essays has been prepared by Rev. Juan Beckmann from the Evangelical Lutheran church of Argentina.

