



**FEBRUARY 2024:
A SPECIAL OFFER**



FÖRSAMLINGSFAKULTETEN (*Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg*)
An Invitation to Our International Community

FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING IN FEBRUARY 2024

February 21-22 (Wednesday-Thursday)

Thinking about the Church via Zion Theology: Isaiah 24-33

Dr. Paul Raabe

"BC Zion was the BC Church. The AD Church is the AD Zion. Isaiah lived during a time when Zion was under threat of assault by Assyria. In this troubling context God through his prophet had much theology to say to the people of Jerusalem with accusation, warning, and promise. God was doing a strange work toward Zion but ultimately to serve his saving purpose, to make Zion the place of refuge, joy, and the resurrection unto eternal life for Israel and for all Gentiles, who with great unanimity will worship the Holy One of Israel."



This is a unique opportunity to listen to, and meet, the author of the brand-new *Concordia Commentary* on "Isaiah 13-27" (published October 2023) and discover some of the treasures of Isaiah's message to, and about, the Church. The two-day-long independent intensive-course (Wednesday-Thursday 9pm-4am) is offered in conjunction with the international Bible Conference at FFG. Registration fee is 600 SEK for both days (coffee included), which includes free admission to the Bible Conference on Friday. Register before February 17 at: www.ffg.se/international

February 23 (Friday)

The Holy Spirit

Paul Raabe, Gottfried Martens, Charles Gieschen

This is the annual Bible Conference at FFG, with program in English on Friday the 23rd and in Swedish on Saturday the 24th. The conference addresses theological and pastoral aspects on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Gottfried Martens (pictured) is, among other things, known for his mission work among Muslim converts in Berlin. Registration fee is 200 SEK (coffee included). Register before February 17 at: www.ffg.se/international



Schedule the 23rd:

12.00-13.30: **Prophetic Promises of the Eschatological Holy Spirit**, Paul R. Raabe

Coffee break

14.00-15.00: **The activity of God's Spirit through dreams and visions among Muslims**, Gottfried Martens

15.15-16.30: **The Spirit in the Book of Revelation**, Charles Gieschen

February 26-March 1 (Monday-Friday)

Hermeneutics *(only if places are available)*

Dr. Charles Gieschen

This is a week-long intensive-course on biblical hermeneutics from a confessional Lutheran perspective in the Master of Sacred Theology-program. Teacher is Dr. Charles Gieschen from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, USA. The whole STM-program is suitable both for those who wish to equip themselves for theological leadership in the church and for those planning to continue with studies for a doctoral degree. It is possible to apply for the whole program, or just this specific course (limited places!). Register at: www.ffg.se/international



Forthcoming courses in the STM-program *(preliminary information)*:

September 9-13: **The Lutheran Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in context**, Torbjörn Johansson

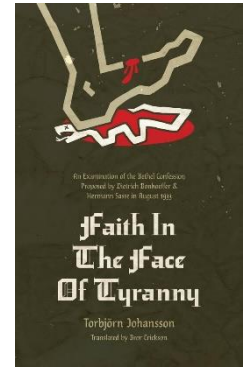
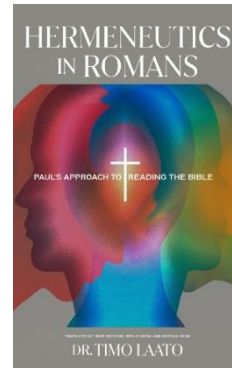
November 18-22: **Baptism and Lutheran Catechesis**, John Pless

March 3-7, 2025: **Doctrine and Liturgy of the Lord's Supper**, Naomichi Masaki

Books related to, or published by, FFG in English

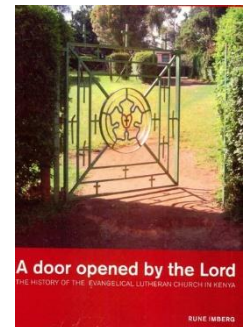
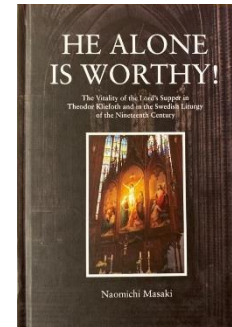
Hermeneutics in Romans: Paul's Approach to Reading the Bible by Timo Laato

- ✓ This book on the apostle Paul's reading of the OT was originally published in Swedish (2006) and has been translated by Bror Erickson and Weslie Odom for publication by 1517 publishing (2021)



He Alone is Worthy! The Vitality of the Lord's Supper in Theodor Kliefoth and in the Swedish Liturgy of the Nineteenth Century by Naomichi Masaki

- ✓ Naomichi Masaki's dissertation on Theodor Kliefoth's influence on the Swedish liturgy was published by FFG publishing 2013.

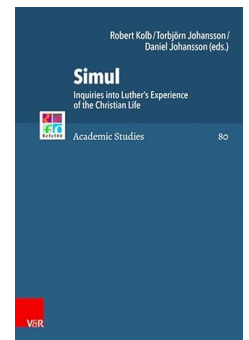


Simul: Inquiries Into Luther's Experience of the Christian Life edited by Torbjörn Johansson, Daniel Johansson, Robert Kolb

- ✓ This book on the Lutheran understanding of the Christian as righteous and sinner *simultaneously* (simul) was edited by FFG-scholars Torbjörn Johansson and Daniel Johansson together with Robert Kolb and published by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht in 2021.

A door opened by the Lord. The history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya by Rune Imberg

- ✓ This book is the first written history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, written by church historian and former missionary in Kenya, Rune Imberg, and published by FFG publishing in 2008.



Faith in the Face of Tyranny: An Examination of the Bethel Confession Proposed by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Hermann Sasse in August 1933 edited and commented by Torbjörn Johansson

- ✓ Dietrich Bonhoeffer's and Hermann Sasse's joint confession in 1933 was originally published in Swedish (2021) and has been translated by Bror Erickson for publication by 1517 publishing (2023). The principal at FFG, Torbjörn Johansson, has written an introduction.

For further information and purchase of books, contact FFG.



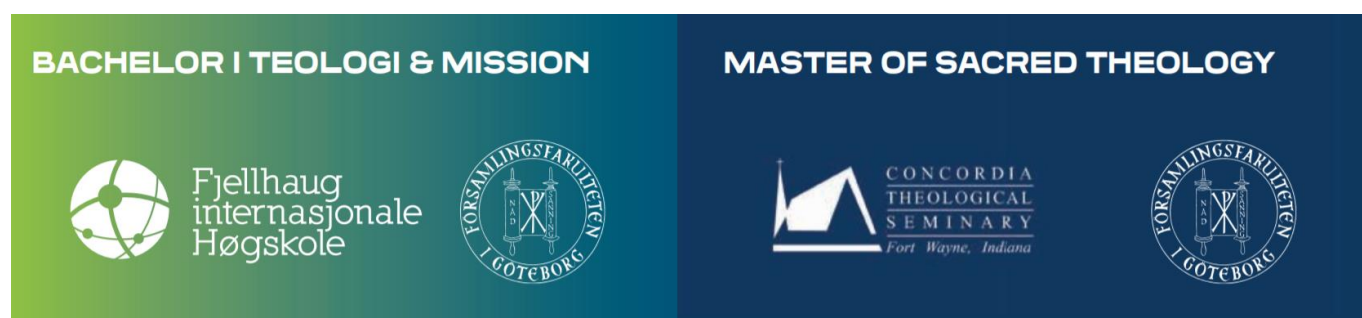
What is Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg, Sweden (*Församlingsfakulteten*)?

Lutheran School of Theology (FFG) is a theological institution in the middle of Gothenburg, Sweden, with a confessional Lutheran foundation for its research, teaching, and mission. It has its own building, facilities, theological library, staff, and publishing house (*Pro Veritate*), and celebrates its 30-years-anniversary in 2023. FFG belongs to an organizationally and financially independent (from state and state-church) education foundation, *Peter Isaac Béens Utbildningsstiftelse*, which also runs a well-established Lutheran high school in Gothenburg, *L M Engströms Gymnasium*. FFG has a small, but confessionally committed, faculty:

Torbjörn Johansson, D.Th. Principal, Senior lecturer in Systematic Theology and Latin.
Rev. Daniel Johansson, Ph.D. Academic Dean, Senior lecturer in New Testament Exegesis and Greek.
Rev. Timo Laato, D.Th. Senior lecturer in New Testament Exegesis.
Rev. Fredrik Brosché, D.Th. Instructor in Counselling.
Rev. Jakob Appell, S.T.M. Instructor in Practical Theology. Editor of *Hälsning från Församlingsfakulteten*.
Rev. Jonatan Ådahl, M.Th. Instructor in Old Testament Exegesis and Hebrew. Librarian.

Established programs/collaborations:

- 3-years-long **Bachelor of Theology**-program (accreditation: *Fjellhaug International College*, Oslo)
- *Pastoral training institute* (for pastoral candidates in the *Mission Province* and other associated church bodies in the Nordic countries).
- English-speaking **Master of Sacred Theology**-program (accreditation: *Concordia Theological Seminary*, Ft Wayne, USA), which serves primarily pastors in Lutheran churches in Europe and Africa.
- Assistance to the Lutheran Seminary in Keltoo (*The Ingrian Lutheran Church* in Russia) and the English-speaking *Bachelor of Theology*-program at the *Luther Academy* in Riga, Latvia, by means of regular online and on-site-courses and administrative support.
- Conferences, courses, retreats for laity and youth, etc.



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