

Justification by the Word:
Restoring Sola Fide
Theological Conference

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Office of International Mission, Eurasia

17–19 October 2022

PRAGUE (CZE)

St. Michael's V Jircharich & Hotel Adler

Application deadline: 9 September 2022

Conference fee: 150 EUR

Your application should be sent to:
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You will receive a confirmation of your
application and further information (payment,
transportation, etc.)



PROGRAM

Monday, 17 October

- 12-30-13.55 Housing check-in and conference registration
13.55-14.00 Opening of the Conference
14.00-15.30 **Jack D. Kilcrease - Justification in Scripture**
15.30-16.00 *Break/refreshment*
16.00-17.00 **Marek Řičan - Reaction to lecture**
17.00-17.30 **Discussion**
18.00-19.00 *Supper*
19.00-19.30 *Vespers*

Tuesday, 18 October

- 07.00-08.00 *Breakfast*
08.00-08.30 *Matins*
08.45-10.15 **Jack D. Kilcrease - Justification in the History of Christian Thought: Luther's Unique Contribution**
10.15-10.45 *Break/refreshment*
10.45-11.45 **David Preus - Reaction to lecture**
11.45-12.15 **Discussion**
12.30-13.30 *Lunch*

- 13.45-15.15 **Jaroslav Vokoun - The Sacramentality of the Word**
15.15-15.30 **Discussion**
15.30 Free time to rest or wander about Prague
(*Supper is on your own, not provided by the conference fee*)

Wednesday, 19 October

- 07.00-08.00 *Breakfast*
08.00-08.30 *Matins*
08.30-09.00 **Break: check-out of hotel**
09.15-10.45 **Jack D. Kilcrease - Justification in Relationship to Three Key Theological Issues: Predestination, Sacraments and Sanctification**
10.45-11.15 *Break/refreshment*
11.15-12.15 **John J. Bombaro - Reaction to lecture**
12.15-12.45 **Discussion**
12.45-12.50 Closing of the Conference
13.00 *Lunch*
Departure

SPEAKERS

JOHN J. BOMBARO, following thirteen years of parish ministry and fifteen years teaching at Dickinson College, Messiah College and the University of San Diego, now serves as the Assistant Director of Theological Education for Eurasia and Lecturer at Rīga Luther Academy. He also holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander for the US Navy Reserves at Marine Corp Installation Command, The Pentagon, Washington, DC. He was educated at Rutgers University and Columbia International University (double BA), University of Edinburgh (M.Th.); Westfield House and Cambridge University Divinity School (Dip.Th.); Concordia Theological Seminary (M.Div.); and King's College London (Ph.D.). Trained in history and philosophy, his interests are found in the intersection of faith, culture and technology. He and his wife, Melinda, and their four children live in Pinki, Latvia.

JACK D. KILCREASE is an associate professor of historical and systematic at Christ School of Theology at the Institute of Lutheran Theology. He is also a lay representative to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Committee for Theology and Church Relations (CTCR). He grew up in Oregon and attended Luther College in Iowa (B.A. History and Religion) and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (M.A. Doctrine and Theology). He graduated in 2009 from Marquette University with a Ph.D. in systematic theology. He has published articles in the journals: Concordia Theological

Quarterly, Pro Ecclesia, Lutheran Quarterly, LOGIA, The Journal of Ecclesiastical History, Testamentum Imperium, The Journal of Markets and Morality, Theofilos, and Lutheran Synod Quarterly. He has also contributed numerous essays and reference articles to publications including The Encyclopedia of Luther and the Reformation and Aquinas Among the Protestants. He is the author of five books, the most recently of which are Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics: Holy Scripture, and Justification by the Word: Restoring Sola Fide. He is presently writing his sixth book: Lutheran Dogmatics: The Evangelical-Catholic Faith for an Age of Contested Truth.

DAVID PREUS earned his Masters of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and his PhD in Historical Theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He lives with his wife, Jenny, and their eight children in Brasov, Romania, where he serves on the theological faculty of Luther Academy, Riga, Latvia, the seminary of the Latvijas Evaņģēliski luteriskā baznīca, or LELB. You may read about it here: <https://international.lcms.org/livonia-lutheran-project-lifts-off/>. He also serves as assistant pastor and church planter in Braşov, Romania, as well as recruiter and mentor to new and upcoming pastors in the Balkan and Mediterranean subregion of the LCMS OIM region of Eurasia. Before going to Romania, he was pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Billings, Montana (2011–2015) and

missionary, church planter, and professor at Seminario Concordia, “el Reformador,” in Santiago, Dominican Republic (2015–2021).

MAREK ŘÍČAN studied Lutheran theology in Bratislava, Slovakia, Warsaw, Poland, and Dubuque (IA, USA, Wartburg Theol. Seminary). He successfully defended his doctoral dissertation „The Question of Salvation of Non-Christians“ at the Protestant Theological Faculty of the Charles University in Prague in 2010. In 1995, he was ordained as pastor of the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic having worked in the parishes of Guty, Třinec, Albrechtice, Bystrice, and Hrádek. Since 2002, he has been a theological officer at the headquarters of his church in Český Těšín. Until 2008, he was an outside lecturer at the Department of the Christian Education of the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Ostrava. Since January 2022, he has been serving full time as theological officer with liturgy being his preoccupation. He is also helping out with divine services in various congregations. M. Říčan's interest lies in the Lutheran identity and, more broadly, in the systematic theology with an overlap into sociology, psychology, and ethics. Further he applies himself to gender ideology, ideology of political correctness and lately with the topic of judaism and the Jews. Among the authors that appeal to him are brothers Niebuhr, Malcolm Muggeridge, Francis Schaeffer, Jacques Ellul, Josef Kalvoda, Dietrich von Hildebrand, Hermann Sasse, and Chantal Delsol. In 2022, he

published a book on C. F. W. Walther as defender of the Lutheran faith.

JAROSLAV VOKOUN is a professor of fundamental and ecumenical theology at Faculty of Theology, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice. He graduated in Russian and German studies at Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague and in theology at Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University in Prague. Currently he engages mainly in the interdisciplinary theology of tradition, the spirituality of theosis in western Christianity and the theology of history. He is married and has four adult offspring. He is helping out as a pastor in ECCB (Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren) congregations in Pilsen region and in ECAC (Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic) congregation in Prague.

