

Accommodation:

Hotel Páv, Křemencova 13, Prague 1, <https://hotel-pav.cz/en>

Conference:

Charles University in Prague – Chapel, Voršilská 1, Prague 1

Application Deadline:

Until capacity is reached (*i.e. sooner or later, so please register immediately*)

Participation fee:

5000 CZK/200 EUR accommodated

2500 CZK/100 EUR not accommodated (*except breakfast, includes all meals according to the program*)

Important!

The organizers will support 30 participants from the so-called Eastern (post-communist) Europe by paying 1/2 of the fee, i.e. that these participants will pay:

2500 CZK/100 EUR accommodated

1250 CZK/50 EUR not accommodated

Send your application by email to:

martin@luther.cz

then, together with the confirmation of your application, you will receive further organizational information (payment details, transport, meals, etc.)

PROGRAM

Monday, October 19

12.00-13.00	Housing check-in and conference registration
13.00-13.15	Opening of the conference
13.15-14.30	Knut Alfsvåg – Catholicity (universality) of the Augsburg Confession
14.30-14.45	Discussion
14.45-15.15	Break/refreshments
15.15-16.30	Knut Alfsvåg – Is the Roman Catholic Church Catholic?
16.30-16.45	Discussion
17.15	Vespers in the church of St. Michael
18.30	Dinner

Tuesday, October 20

07.00-08.00	Breakfast
08.00	Matins in the church of St. Michael
09.00-10.15	David Preus – Lutheran Church of the Reformation: Ad Fontes
10.15-10.30	Discussion
10.30-11.00	Break/refreshments
11.00-12.15	Ľubomír Žák – Hadrian VI versus Luther: the conflict of two Germanic intellectuals and its impact on the early development of the Reformation
12.15-12.45	Discussion
13.00	Lunch

then free time for individual sharing with other conference participants, or time to relax – a walk around Prague (dinner is individual, not included in the conference fee)

Special lecture open to non-conference participants

18.00-19.30 Jaroslav Vokoun – Luther and Nathan Söderblom

Wednesday, October 21

07.00-08.00	Breakfast
08.00	Matins in the church of St. Michael
until 09.00	CHECK-OUT
09.30-10.45	Michal Valčo – Confessing Christ in the Age of Algorithms: Luther's Missio Dei and the Challenge of Technognosticism
10.45-11.00	Discussion
11.00-11.30	Break/Refreshments
11.30-12.30	Panel Discussion: HERE I STAND – I CAN DO NO OTHER
12.30-12.45	Closing of the Conference
13.00	Lunch
	Departure

SPEAKERS

Knut Alfsvåg

Born 1955. Missionary in Japan from 1986; teacher at Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary since 1989. Professor in systematic theology at Faculty of Theology and Social Science at VID Specialized University, Stavanger, Norway, since 1999.

David Preus

Earned his Master's of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and his PhD in Historical Theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. His doctoral education included a research fellowship at the Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany in 2011. He was ordained into the Preaching Office on August 28, 2011 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Billings Montana, where served as pastor from 2011 to 2015. Today, David lives with his wife, Jenny, and their nine children in Brasov, Romania, where he serves as regional director of LCMS Eurasia. As regional director, he supervises LCMS missionaries, oversees mission operations, and cooperates in church planting and theological education with LCMS partner churches throughout the Eurasian region. He also serves as assistant pastor and church planter in Brasov. Before moving to Romania, David was a church planter and professor at Seminario Concordia, el Reformador in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic (2015–2021).

Michal Valčo

Professor at the Department of Church History, Evangelical Faculty of Theology, Comenius University in Bratislava. Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (Salzburg). His research connects historical theology (Martin Luther, Leonard Stöckel), philosophy of religion (Kierkegaard, Taylor, Bonhoeffer), and the ethics of advanced technologies — with a special focus on transhumanism and artificial intelligence in the light of theological anthropology.

Jaroslav Vokoun

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.

Ľubomír J. Žák

Professor at the Faculty of Theology, Palacký University in Olomouc (Czech Republic). From 1998 to 2020 he taught fundamental theology and dogmatics at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. Director of the Max Josef Metzger Institute for Dialogue and Reconciliation (UP), the scientific director of the Academy of Lutheran Studies in Italy (ASLI), and a member of many scientific committees of book series, journals, and research projects in Europe and Latin America (as well as the committee of the Luther Society). The work of Martin Luther, P. A. Florensky, M. J. Metzger, and especially the epistemological theme of "complex thinking" as a manifestation of an inter-/trans-disciplinary approach to reality are at the center of his scientific interest and publishing activity.