



†Eugene F. A. Klug†

Long time Concordia Theological Seminary professor, Dr. Eugene F.A. Klug passed away on May 19, 2003 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was called in 1960 as professor of systematic theology and held this position until his retirement in 1987. For many years he was the chairman of this department for many years and the faculty representative on the Commission on Theology and Church Relations. Dr. Klug played a prominent part at the 1973 Denver Convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in

defining the synod's theology in the face of its new definition espoused by the faculty of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis. Just before that convention, he provided an extensive critique of that faculty's theological position, *Faithful to Our Calling, Faithful to our Lord* in *The Springfielder* (37:1 [June 1973], 67-74.)

His major scholarly interest was Luther's studies, as a summary of his extensive bibliography below shows.. He was born in Milwaukee on Nov. 26, 1917, and graduated from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis. During those years he was the assistant to Theodore Engelder, author of *The Scriptures Cannot Be Broken*. His uncle was Walter W. F. Albrecht, the translator of Francis Pieper's three volume *Christian Dogmatics*. He studied at Concordia College, Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin, Marquette University; the University of Illinois; the Lutheran School of Theology (Chicago); and Washington University (Saint Louis) and received an M. A. from the University of Chicago, and the D. Theol. from the Free University of Amsterdam in 1971. Upon graduation from Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, he served as instructor at Concordia College, Milwaukee and then in World War II he was a U. S. Navy chaplain. He was pastor at Calvary Lutheran University Church, Madison, Wisconsin, and in Kalispell, Montana, where he spent his summers after coming to the seminary. From 1955-1960, Dr. Klug served as the Lutheran chair of religion at the University of Illinois (Champaign) and after coming to the seminary, then in Springfield, Illinois, he continued to teach there part time until 1966. Upon retirement in 1987 he maintained an office on the Fort Wayne seminary campus where he indulged his passion for Luther studies. His numerous writings are a living memorial to him and his contribution to the synod. Articles on a wide range of subjects can be found in *Concordia Theologicals Quarterly*, *The Springfielder*, *The Lutheran Witness*, and other journals, domestic and foreign. He contributed to *Church and State under God* (1965), *Anden Og Kirken (Spirit and the Churches, 1979)*, *Von der wahren Einheit der Kirche (On the True Unity of the Church, 1973)*, *Theology of the Formula of Concord* (1978), *Church and State under God* (1964), and A

Contemporary Look at the Formula of Concord (1978). Among his books of which he is the sole author are *Church and Ministry and the Role of Pastor and People: From Luther to Walther; From Luther to Chemnitz on Scripture and the Word; Lift High the Cross; Lord I've Been Thinking The Military Chaplaincy under the 1st Amendment* (1967), *Getting into the Formula of Concord* (1977), *Word and Scripture in Luther Studies since World War II* (1985), and *Church and Ministry: In addition, he was the translator of Luther's sermons, The House Postils* (Baker Books, 1996). Dr. Klug is survived by his wife, Dorothy, who resides in Fort Wayne, two daughters and two sons, one of whom, the Rev. Timothy Klug is a Lutheran pastor. His funeral was held at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Thursday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. Professor Klug had an illustrious career and will be remembered by his many students and his colleagues for his many years of service to the seminary, his contribution to the confessional health of the synod and his scholarly achievements. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord and their works do follow them."

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