THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCHES

2026 PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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October 12–15, 2026

Calvary Lutheran Church • St. Paul, Minnesota

One Body, One Confession

True Unity According to Augsburg Confession, Article VII

Article VII of the Augsburg Confession asserts that the church is defined not by its structure, ceremonies, or traditions, but by the clear preaching of the Gospel and the proper administration of the Sacraments. This year, the conference will present a four-part lecture series examining how Article VII defines the church, the requirements for genuine unity, the elements it intentionally omits, and the implications for pastors tasked with maintaining and practicing unity within their ministries.

This series is intended for AALC pastors, seminarians, and guests, and approaches AC VII as an active confessional standard rather than merely a historical document.

LECTURE SERIES

1	**The Text and Its Setting** *What Article VII says, and why it was written this way*
2	***Satis Est* — What Unity Requires** *The sufficiency principle and its deliberate limits*
3	**The Church Defined** *AC VII's ecclesiology within the wider Book of Concord*
4	**Living Out True Unity** *Pastoral application: fellowship, polity, and cooperation*

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