

Our Guest Speaker



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Pastor Alfonso Espinosa is the senior pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine, CA (LCMS). He was trained at Concordia Theological Seminary (M-Div), Biola University (M.A. in Christian Apologetics), and the University of Birmingham, England (Ph.D. in Theology). His doctoral dissertation looked at the effects of apocalypticism and rapturism upon American politics and the teaching of sanctification in pop-American Christianity.

He has many published essays and chapters in various books touching on systematic considerations in respect to creation, christology, C.F.W. Walther's sanctification teaching, responding to liberalism, Christian nursing in pluralistic settings with some of these appearing in *The Lutheran Difference* (CPH, 2010, 2014). He has written three books for CPH: *Faith That Sees Through the Culture* (2018), *Faith That Engages the Culture* (2021), and his latest book, *Faith That Shines In the Culture: How Jesus Calls Christians To Live In the Family, Church, and State* (is due to be released in this Fall).

He taught undergraduate and graduate theology courses at Concordia University Irvine from 1996-2021. He has served the Board for National Mission in the LCMS since 2014.

He loves collecting Christian art, reading, traveling, following his favorite sports teams, Mexican food, and is a black belt practitioner in traditional taekwondo. He and Traci have eight children and ten grandchildren. His eldest son is an ordained pastor in the LCMS and one of his sons-in-law is a pastor with the SELK serving in Hermannsburg, Germany.