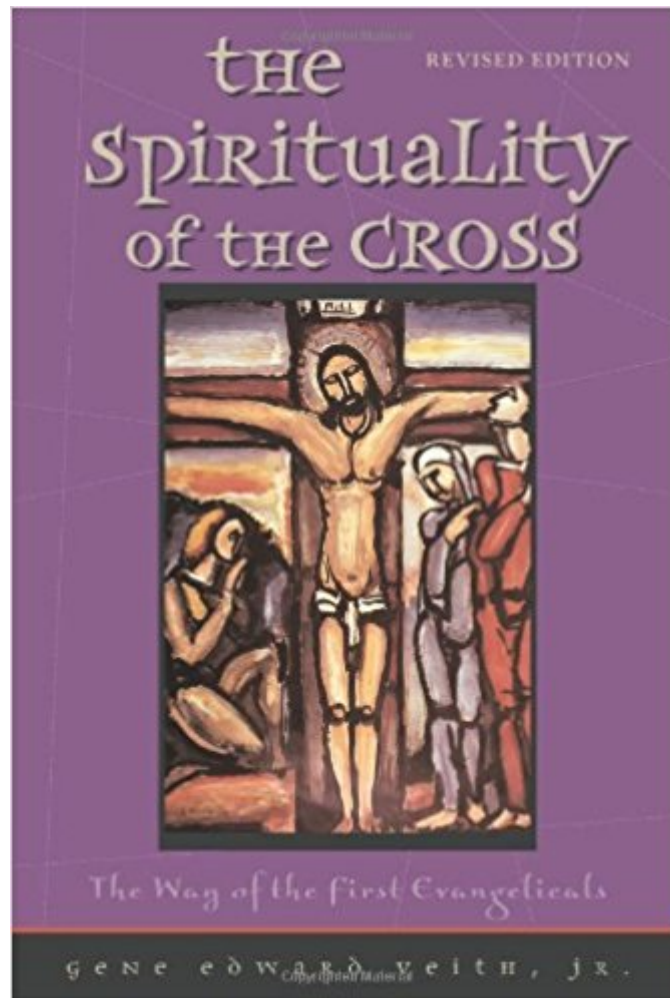




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Customer Reviews

Gene Edward Veith is currently a professor of literature, a college administrator, and a writer. He has written over a dozen books on Christianity, culture, and the arts. He has a PhD in English Literature. He and his wife have three children and currently live near Washington DC.

This is a well written introduction to understand what Lutherans believe in with a focus toward spirituality. After reading this book, I have come to understand the spirituality of Lutherans in a much better way. The theology of the cross, the hiddenness of God and Luther's idea of vocation was discussed very well in my opinion. The appendix was really helpful on giving information on various groups within Lutherans. The references was very useful. In fact, I am going for a book listed in the reference. I am going to read more books from this author.

I highly recommend this for anyone who is at all interested in Lutheran doctrine and theology. Even as a lifelong Lutheran I learned a lot from it. I got it for a class but am keeping it for my own personal

and devotional use. Veith is a layman, not a theologian, as he explains in the book, so this book is easily accessible for anyone with any level of theological knowledge (from a new Christian to an ordained pastor or seasoned theologian).

Dr. Veith nails it. I've heard other converted Lutherans say this book was a big part of turning their minds to Lutheranism. I had not had that experience, but read it after many growth years in Lutheranism. So I just finished it and am astounded at the simplicity and clarity of his run-down of Confessional Lutheranism. It's great work. Gonna share it.

This is a great book that provides a succinct and accessible overview of the distinctiveness of traditional, historical Lutheran theology. If you're a Lutheran pastor, I'd suggest considering this book for use in new member classes or possibly even confirmation classes as well as adult Bible studies. If you're a Lutheran, this is a great way of reviewing or learning the basics of Lutheran theology, and makes a helpful companion to the Small Catechism as well as more weighty Lutheran writings such as The Book of Concord. If you're not a Lutheran, this is still a very helpful book that discusses some important aspects of Christian theology (How are we saved? What is the role of Sacraments in the church? What can we know about God? How do we live our lives? What is worship?). Of course these topics will be treated from a Lutheran perspective, but you should find value if you're interested in how conservative Biblical Christianity approaches some of these topics.

Veith's book gets to the heart of what it means to be a believer in Christ and clarifies a lot of areas Christians can have trouble understanding fully. Great book that will deepen your faith. Thanks Gene!

I am Reformed but have met several Lutheran friends over the past few years. I found that most of what I thought I knew about their theology was wrong. This book is a very good introduction to Lutheranism and while I don't necessarily agree with all of Veith's position, this helped me to understand them better. I found the sections on "vocation" to be very helpful to me personally.

Veith once again gives an honest look at the real spirituality - the one of the cross. After this book happy-clappy "niceness" form of pop-Christianity loses its appeal entirely. Veith lays bare also the roots and consequences of overzealous religious enthusiasm and moralism, among other things. Honest, simple and well written book for every Christian who digs a bit deeper than "God loves me"

mentality.

This is one of my favorite theological books ever, and not just because I am a Lutheran. I have given many copies of this book away to friends from other theological traditions and denominations as a sort of "Lutheranism 101", with positive feedback every time. Veith's way of describing (not trumpeting) his Lutheran view of things is very helpful for Lutherans who want to see what their denomination has to say in the world today, and also for non-Lutherans wondering why we are so "different" in so many ways -- to evangelicals we often look Roman Catholic, and to Roman Catholics we seem very evangelical. Veith's book describes how Lutheranism's ideal is the middle road between the two: Evangelical Catholicism, or perhaps catholic evangelicalism. Either way, the Gospel is clearly highlighted in this very scriptural book of "spirituality."

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