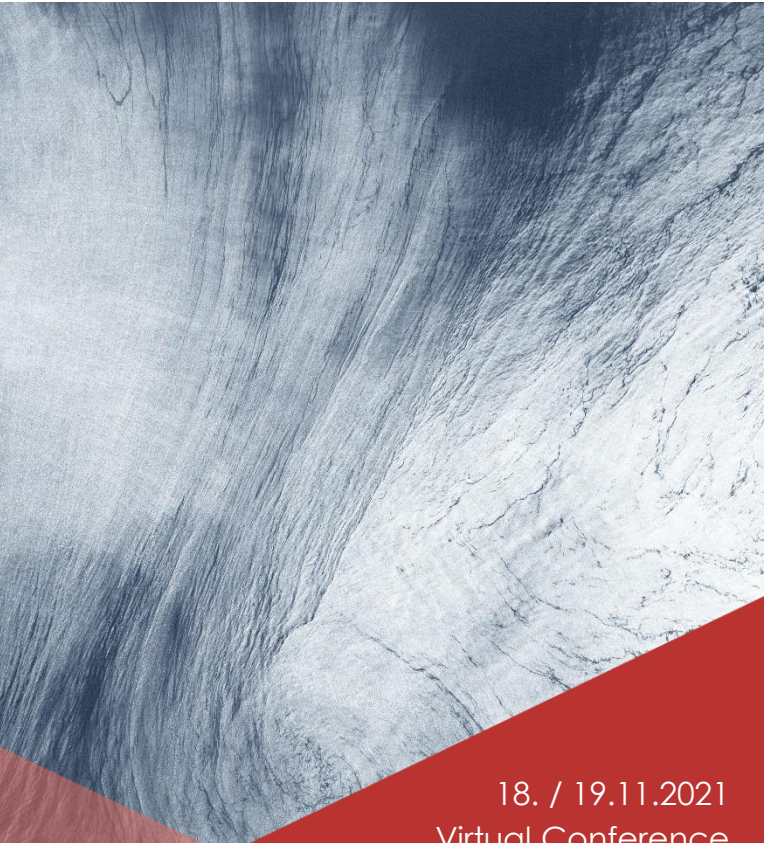




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Virtual Conference

The Changing Faces of Lutheran Worship Brazilian and German Perspectives

“Worship cultures are in a constant state of change.”

This statement is as general as it is evident and applies simply because worship services, as cultural expressions, are part of processes of social transformation. It even applies to services that intentionally do not allow any changes in their texts and melodies – such as the services of many Orthodox churches or the prayers in Orthodox Judaism. They also have “changing faces”, which are related to changing spaces, new technical possibilities etc.

However, this statement applies particularly to the services of Protestant churches, which have been constantly changing since their beginnings 500 years ago. Some of these changes are intended – for example, through liturgical reforms, the creation of new agendas or worship reform programs. Sometimes, however, the changes are also taking place beneath the surface of explicit and reflected academic liturgical or practical discussions. Worship services change with medial and cultural forms of expression – especially with regard to language, music, space, participation or interaction. Therefore, questions concerning liturgical transformations are also important as worship services reflect the constitution and expression of individual and collective identity being specific places and visible phenomena of these aspects.

Our virtual conference about “**The Changing Faces of Lutheran Worship**” is a first approach to all these questions taking a comparative look at the VELKD (United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany) and the IECLB (Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil), two churches which look back at a long common liturgical tradition and yet come from completely different cultural areas.

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Thursday, 18.11.2021

CET UTC+1	BRT UTC-3	
15.00	11.00	Welcome
15.10	11.10	Greeting Rev. Silivia Genz Church President of the IECLB
15.20	11.20	Greeting and short impulse lecture Bishop Ralf Meister Leading Bishop of the VELKD
16.00	12.00	Transformations of Lutheranism Prof. Dr. Alexander Deeg & Prof. Dr. Júlio César Adam
16.30	12.30	Break
16.45	12.45	Luther, Liturgy, Identities: A confessing tradition Prof. Dr. Dirk Lange
17.30	13.30	Response from Brazil Dr. Romeu Martini
17.45	13.45	Response from Germany Dr. Johannes Goldenstein
18.00	14.00	Break
18.15	14.15	Global Lutheran identities: liturgy as formation and dialog Dr. Chad Rimmer
18.35	14.35	Discussion
18.50	14.50	Summary and prospects

Friday, 19.11.2021

Speakers and guests

CET UTC+1	BRT UTC-3	
15.00	11.00	Welcome
15.15	11.15	„The Danger of a Single Story“. Leiblichkeit, spiritual polyphony and epistemological diversity as challenges to Lutheran liturgical identity Prof. Dr. Claudia Jahnel
16.00	12.00	Discussion
16.30	12.30	Break
16.45	12.45	From living in faith communities to politicized religiosity: new roles of religion in Brazil today Prof. Dr. Emil Albert Sobottka
17.15	13.15	About the change in Lutheran worship in Germany - constants and disruptions. Perceptions - insights - horizons Daniel Hörsch
17.45	13.45	Discussion
18.15	14.15	Break
18.30	14.30	Observation and comments Summary and end of conference

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As there won't be one main conference language, you are welcome to attend and participate in one of our three language channels: **German, Portuguese or English**. The presentations and discussions will be translated.

Please register beforehand via e-mail to Maria Zink (maria.zink@uni-leipzig.de) with short reference to your profession and discipline. After registering you will be provided with the meeting details and further information on the interpreting procedures.



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