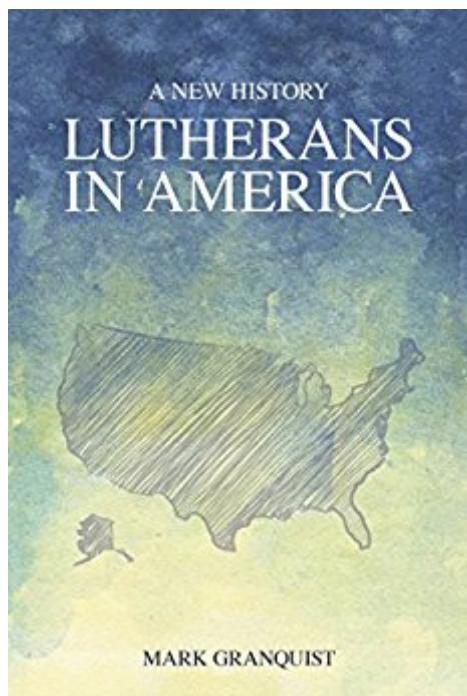


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Synopsis

The story of Lutherans in America is one of mutual influence. From the first small groups of Lutherans to arrive in the colonies, to the large immigrations to the rich heartland of a growing nation, Lutherans have influenced, and been influenced by, America. In this lively and engaging new history, Granquist brings to light not only the varied and fascinating institutions that Lutherans founded and sustained but the people that lived within them. The result is a generous, human history that tells a complete story—not only about politics and policies but also the piety and the practical experiences of the Lutheran men and women who lived and worked in the American context. Bringing the story all the way to the present day and complemented with new charts, maps, images, and sidebars, Granquist ably covers the full range of Lutheran expressions, bringing order and clarity to a complex and vibrant tradition.

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This is a much-needed and excellent updating of the Lutheran story in America. Granquist moves

beyond the near exclusive focus on theology, institutions, and merger, which occupied the attention of historians of previous generations. His is a more balanced approach, incorporating discussion of how Lutheranism was lived out among the people as well as making sure to situate discussion of Lutheran life in the broader context of American life in each era under discussion. He also cautiously discusses the recent turbulent history of American Lutherans. Overall a very helpful work and breath of fresh air.

Fascinating historical review of Lutheranism in the US. Many years ago read Lutheranism in North America 1914-1970 by Nelson. This adds more and gives some insight into Lutheranism in Colonial America. It also tries to show how Lutherans transitioned into an America church body and then the attempts to unite all Lutherans into one church body. Good read.

Great Book! It is a must read for those interested in how Lutheran Christianity fits into our modern context.

Very in depth view of how Lutherans came to this country and how they expanded the church in America.

Excellent piece of work!

Book is rather dry.

"Lutherans in America" invites the reader to delve into the complex and engrossing history of Lutherans throughout all of American history. Starting with the early colonies all the way through current times, Granquist not only highlights all of the Lutheran subset (including German, Swedish, Norwegian, and Danish), but he does it in a very accessible and entertaining way. From imposter pastors, to seminary walk-outs, and even denominational mergers, Granquist brings to life the fascinating history of American Lutherans in a way that will be embraced and enjoyed by anyone interested in the topic of religion, history, America, or faith.

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