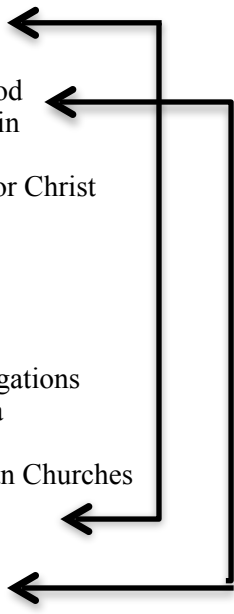


# Lutheranism in America

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America has done funny things to religions and Lutheranism has defiantly not escaped being formed by its American context. America (and I would contend our sinful nature) celebrates individualism which means if I don't like you I will just start my own church. This is not unique to only Lutherans but Lutheranism is what we are talking about. The reality also is that major theological differences have arisen between many who call themselves Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ELCA Chicago, Illinois	3,563,842	[12/31/2016]
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod LCMS St. Louis, Missouri	1,968,641	[11/2018]
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS Milwaukee, Wisconsin	369,221	[No Date Given]
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ LCMC Canton, Michigan	300,000	[12/20/2015]
North American Lutheran Church NALC Hilliard, Ohio	Approx. 141,000	[11/1/2017]
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations AFLC Plymouth, Minnesota	39,668	[No Date]
The Association of American Lutheran Churches AALC Ft. Wayne, Indiana	19,658	[No Date]
Evangelical Lutheran Synod ELS Mankato, Minnesota	18,704	[No Date]
Church of the Lutheran Confessions CLC Eau Claire, Wisconsin	10,308	[No Date]
Church of the Lutheran Brethren CLB Fergus Falls, Minnesota	10,274	[No Date]
Apostolic Lutheran Church --- Battle Ground, Michigan	7,372	[No Date]
Laestadian Lutheran Church LLC Loretto, Minnesota	5,529	[No Date]

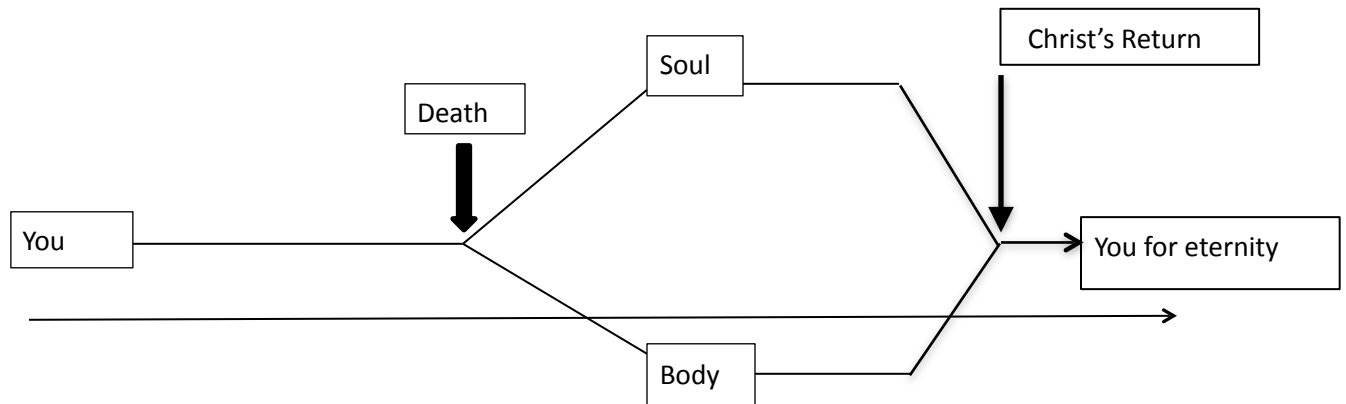


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Peace Lutheran	LCMS	Trinity Lutheran	LCMS		
Our Savior's Lutheran	ELCA	1 <sup>st</sup> English Lutheran	ELCA	Christ Lutheran	ELCA
Bethel Ridge Lutheran	CLB				

# What Happens When I Die & the End Times

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You are a Body and Soul.

Many have a false idea that your soul is the “real you.”

False is the idea that your body is bad and your soul is good. That idea is a form of Gnosticism [An ancient heresy that is talk about in the New Testament. It is also bringing in of some incorrect thinking of the philosopher Plato.]

When scripture talks about your sinful flesh it is talking about you as a whole person not that part of me is good and part of me is bad. Often times when the Bible talks about the Spirit that you have as a good thing, it is referencing the Holy Spirit which was given to you at your baptism.

## Questions to ponder.

Where do your thoughts and feelings come from? Your body or your soul?

What could be some problems that arise out of an incorrect way of thinking in our world today?