

## American Lutheran Acronyms

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| AALC (1987- )         | American Association of Lutheran Churches   |
| AELC (1872-1962)      | American Evangelical Lutheran Church (name change 1953)<br>Formerly Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America |
| AELC (1976-1987)      | Association of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations   |
| AFLC (1962- )         | Association of Free Lutheran Congregations  |
| ALC (1930-1960)       | American Lutheran Church  |
| ALC (1960-1988)       | American Lutheran Church  |
| ALConf (1930-1954)    | American Lutheran Conference (cooperative body)   |
| ALCW (1960-1988)      | American Lutheran Church Women  |
| Augustana (1860-1962) | Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church (name change 1948)<br>Formerly Augustana Synod                              |
| Buffalo (1845-1930)   | Buffalo Synod   |
| CCM (1999)            | Called to Common Mission (ecumenical agreement)   |
| CLB (1900- )          | Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America  |
| CNLC (1982-1987)      | Commission for a New Lutheran Church (merger committee)   |
| CSB (1917)            | Common Service Book (hymnal)  |
| CYCOM (1948-1955)     | Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions  |
| ELC (1917-1960)       | Evangelical Lutheran Church (name change 1948)<br>Formerly Norwegian Lutheran Church in America                   |
| ELCA (1988- )         | Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  |

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| ELCC (1960-1985)  | Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada   |
| ELCIC (1985- )    | Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada   |
| ELIM (1973-1988)  | Evangelical Lutherans in Mission  |
| ELS (1917- )      | Evangelical Lutheran Synod  |
| ELW (2006)        | Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal)   |
| GC (1872-1918)    | General Council   |
| GS (1820-1918)    | General Synod   |
| GSS (1863-1886)   | General Synod, South (name change 1865)<br>Formerly General Synod in the Confederate States |
| ILC (1993- )      | International Lutheran Council (cooperative body)   |
| ILCW (1966-1978)  | Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship (hymnal committee)                                     |
| Iowa (1854-1930)  | Iowa Synod  |
| JCLU (1955-1962)  | Joint Committee on Lutheran Union (merger committee)  |
| JUC (1952-1960)   | Joint Union Committee (merger committee)  |
| LBA (f. 1918)     | Lutheran Brotherhoods of America  |
| LBW (1978)        | Lutheran Book of Worship (hymnal)   |
| LCMC (2001- )     | Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  |
| LCMS (1847- )     | Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (name change 1947)   |
| LCUSA (1966-1988) | Lutheran Council in the USA (cooperative body)  |
| LCW (1962-1988)   | Lutheran Church Women   |
| LFC (1897-1963)   | Lutheran Free Church  |
| LHRAA (1953-2013) | Lutheran Human Relations Association of America   |
| LIRS (1939- )     | Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (name change 1967)                                |

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| LLL (1917-1992)    | Lutheran Laymen's League<br>Continued by Lutheran Hour Ministries   |
| LSA (1997- )       | Lutheran Services in America  |
| LSS                | Lutheran Social Services  |
| LW (1982)          | Lutheran Worship (hymnal)   |
| LWA (1940-1977)    | Lutheran World Action (relief appeal)   |
| LWC (1923-1935)    | Lutheran World Conventions (cooperative body)   |
| LWF (1947- )       | Lutheran World Federation (cooperative body)  |
| LWR (1945- )       | Lutheran World Relief   |
| NALC (2009- )      | North American Lutheran Church  |
| NCCC (1950- )      | National Council of Churches of Christ (ecumenical agency)  |
| NLC (1918-1966)    | National Lutherans Council (cooperative body)   |
| NLCA (1917-1960)   | Norwegian Lutheran Church in America (name change 1948)<br>Continued by the ELC                             |
| NCLSSW (1917-1918) | National Lutheran Commission on Soldiers and Sailors Welfare  |
| Ohio (1820-1930)   | Joint Synod of Ohio   |
| SBH (1958)         | Service Book and Hymnal (hymnal)  |
| SC (1872-1962)     | Synodical Conference (cooperative body)   |
| Suomi (1890-1962)  | Suomi Synod   |
| UELC (1896-1960)   | United Evangelical Lutheran Church (name change 1946)<br>Formerly United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church |
| ULCA (1918-1962)   | United Lutheran Church in America   |
| UNLC (1890-1917)   | United Norwegian Lutheran Church  |
| USS (1886-1918)    | United Synod South  |
| WAN (2000- )       | Word Alone Network  |

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| WCC (1948- )  | World Council of Churches (ecumenical agency)  |
| WELS (1892- ) | Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (name change 1959)<br>Continued Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin |
| WMPL (1937- ) | World Mission Prayer League (name change 1945)   |