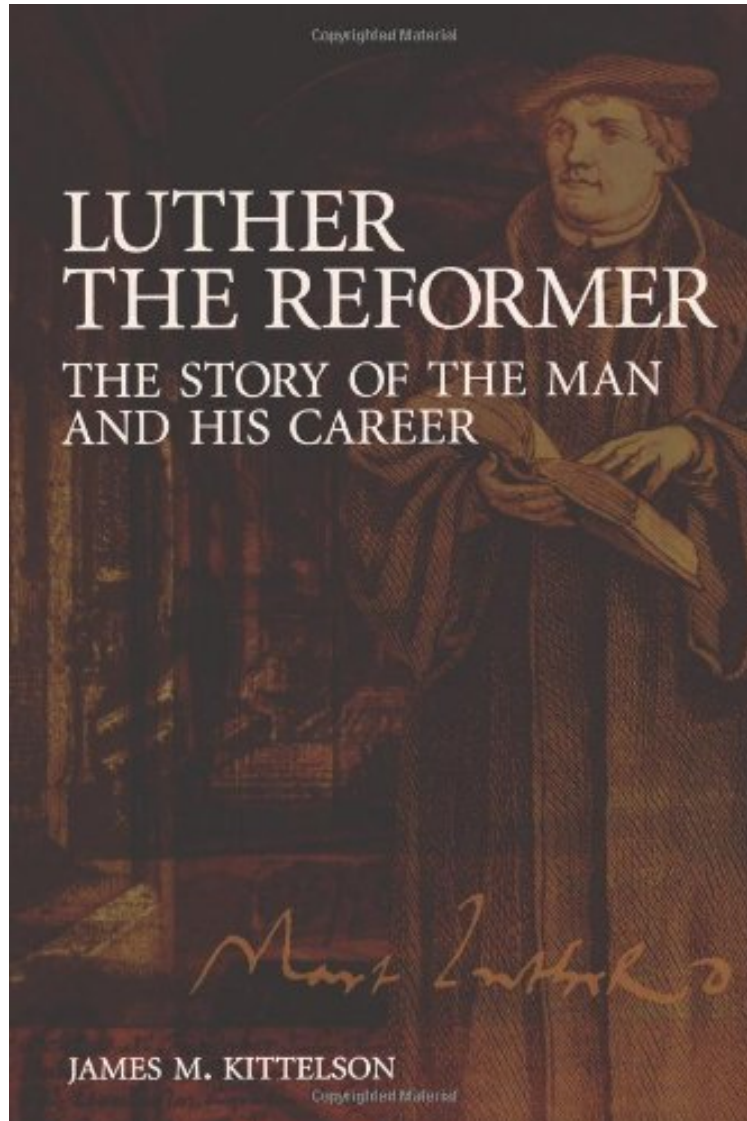


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"The best complete biography of Luther for our times." -Lewis Spitz, Stanford University About the Author James Kittelson is a professor of church history and director of the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation. He is author of over thirty articles and several books, and was senior editor of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation* (1996).