



**Being the Church in the
Midst of Empire**

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THE BOOK: Empire refers to massive concentrations or networks of power that impose order and control through dominant political, economic and cultural institutions, with overpowering and oppressive effects.

The church has often been complicit with dynamics of empire. Nonetheless, it also needs to critique and embody alternatives to it, especially in and through communities of faith. Here, theologians take up the daunting challenge of developing constructive theological responses, grounded in the Triune God, which have the potential to counter, transform and nurture long-term resistance to empire today.

THE REVIEWS: *“This book took shape in discussions at an LWF seminar convened at Luther Seminary, but it is part of discussions occurring among Christians all over the world as they seek to give public evangelical witness to Jesus Christ in the midst of empire. The call to faithfulness in these pages is filled with insight, struggle, and hope.”*

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-Norma Cook Everist, Professor of Church and Ministry, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, USA

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