

## *The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Central Asia today*

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*The article is devoted to the analysis of the situation both in the ELKRAS in Russia in the post-Soviet period, and in Lutheranism in general. The author identifies a number of problems that have been faced by the ELKRAS since the revival of the ELKRAS church structures in the 1990s. The main is that the church has not developed its Russian identity, although there were all prerequisites for this. Secondly, the principle of self-sufficiency of the ELKRAS parishes was not developed, first of all, the concept of self-financing. The problem is the current multi-level management system of the ELKRAS. The author concludes that at present the ELKRAS is a gradually self-destructive structure that has lost its former position among the Lutheran churches in Russia. However, such a situation does not mean that it is hopeless. Now for the ELKRAS is a time when all the mistakes of the past and the present have become obvious to all its members and partners.*



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