

**Joint Reformation Celebration of the
Fond du Lac Area Churches**

held at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word
1600 S. Main St. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



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SERVICE THEME *Cling Tightly to the Word of God*

OPENING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | 863*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, confession has two parts: one is that we confess our sins, the other that we receive forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven in heaven.

C: Before God I plead guilty of all my sins, even those I do not know. I am sinful from birth. When I consider my life, I admit that I have been disobedient, unfaithful, and lazy. I have hurt my brothers and sisters in word and deed. I am truly sorry for my sins and plead for God’s mercy.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. By the authority of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and without your grace we would be able to do nothing, let alone stand before you. Grant us your mercy this day, that by the power of your Word we may think, say, and do what is right and pleasing to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Yes, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the Lord.

³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, “Know the Lord,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

The Lord Almighty Is with Us | 46

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ²Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace.

⁵Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORS’ CHOIR

Christ Is Our Cornerstone | 914

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³²You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³“We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

CONFESSIN OF FAITH

A portion of THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

Written by Dr. Martin Luther, a part of our Lutheran Confessions

C: The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification. And He alone is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world; and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all.

Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit, freely, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood.

Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says: For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. Likewise: That He might be just and the Justifier of him that believes in Christ.

Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Threat of Harm Can Hinder Me | 875

SERMON

“Our God Is A Mighty Fortress”

Psalm 46

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

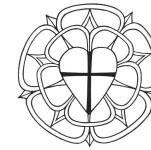
HYMN

Reformation Song | 877

PRAYERS & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage | 640



BRASS ENSAMBLE: Abby Kurth - Director of Bands, Winnebago Lutheran Academy

Brent Nolte, Richard Dempsey, Kim Zabel - trumpet

Laura Nolte, Miriam Borgwardt - horn

Liam Clark, Cooper Ahrens - trombone

Josh Wilsmann - tuba

John Schleis - tuba and bass

Andrew Ruh - guitar

These performers represent their home congregations from across The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Association and beyond: Faith, Good Shepherd, Redeemer, St. Paul’s Town of Forest, St. Paul’s North Fond du Lac, Trinity Kiel

PRESERVICE:

Brass Quintet – Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, Paul Manz, trans. Benjamin M. Culli
Chorale on Werde Munter, J.S. Bach

ORGANIST: Erin Achey – First Grade Teacher, St. Peter’s Lutheran School

LITURGIST: Pastor Peter Lindemann – St. Peter’s Lutheran Church

PREACHER: Pastor Steven Pagels - Professor of Systematic Theology & Homiletics at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin.

1999 Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary graduate

1999-2012 Pastor at St. John’s, Wauwatosa, WI

2012-2019 Pastor at St. Matthew’s, Oconomowoc, WI

2019-present Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Professor

Wife: Shannon

Children: Claire (24) & Greta (22)