

ISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY, located in Mequon, Wisconsin, is a post-graduate school owned and supported by the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Since its founding in 1863, the school has had as its specific purpose to offer theological training for men who desire to enter the pastoral ministry. The seminary carries out this purpose by training all its students to preach and teach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ and to carry out the work of the ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and in conscious agreement with the historical confessions of the Lutheran Church. The seminary's stated goal is to produce pastors who are

Confessional in stance
Evangelical in approach
Mission-minded in spirit
Culturally sensitive
Appropriately flexible, and
Zealous both to nurture and equip the saints.

Most of the students who attend Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary have been trained at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, and many have attended our synod's preparatory high schools in Watertown, Wisconsin, and Saginaw, Michigan. At the seminary, students enroll in a three-year program of classroom instruction. A fourth year, spent in a congregation under the supervision of its pastor, precedes the senior year. The on-campus curriculum includes both academic courses (scriptural, historical, and doctrinal studies) and professional courses (preaching, worship, teaching, evangelism, administration, counseling, etc.). The seminary's Pastoral Studies Institute provides training for students from

diverse ethnic backgrounds. Students who successfully complete the seminary's course of instruction and are presented by the faculty as candidates for the ministry are assigned to their first field of service by the presidents of the synod's twelve districts. This year 105 students are attending classes on campus; 28 are serving as vicars.

Since 1929 the seminary has been located on a beautiful 80-acre campus in Mequon, a suburb of Milwaukee. The primary campus buildings—chapel, classrooms, library, cafeteria, and dormitories—are under one roof and are situated around a central park-like circle. This complex was designed to resemble the Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. A 1000-seat auditorium and gymnasium is located within a short walk of the main complex. Members of the faculty live in homes on the campus.

The seminary also serves pastors who are active in WELS congregations through Grow in Grace Institute for Continuing Education; many are involved in an advanced degree program. The campus hosts a variety of professional seminars, and faculty members are frequent speakers at continuing education events both in the United States and on the synod's world mission fields.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is supported by the mission offerings of WELS congregations, the tuition paid by its students, and private gifts directed to the seminary. Should you desire more information about the seminary, please contact the mission advancement office at 262-242-8100 or go to wisluthsem.org.

\rightarrow Promises \rightarrow

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. – 2 Corinthians 1:20–22

This Is My Word

As the snow falls from heaven, as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word.

As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word.

As the rain brings renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word.
Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive, so is my Word.
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain, my God, help me be faithful to the Word you have given to proclaim.

Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, and the hills will break before you into song. So be faithful, brave and true, for I will go before you, and when your earthly journey here is done. I'll say well done, well done!

As the snow falls from heaven, and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.

> Text: Isaiah 55:10–12 Music: Pepper Choplin

Come Unto Me

Come unto me if you're weak and laden, I'll give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

> Text: Matthew 11:28–30 Music: Larry Nickel

A Hymn to God the Father

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallow'd in, a score? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; but swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore; and, having done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.

> Text: John Donne (1572–1631) Setting: John Ness Beck

On God and Not on Human Trust

On God and not on human trust, my earthly stand I've taken; on him who made me out of dust I build with faith unshaken; I trust his hands who understands, for all that he bestoweth is good as he best knoweth.

Music: Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706) Text: Christian Gellert (1715–1769) Arrangement: Prof. Martin Albrecht, 1979

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1–2: All **3:** Choir **4:** All – Stand to sing the final stanza.



Text: Martin Luther (1483–1546) Tune: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529 Setting: Michael D. Costello, 2017

Joshua Schroeder, President

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, dass er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf dass alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Text: John 3:16 Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672) "Geistliche Chormusik," 1648 Edited by Gerald Custer

What God Ordains Is Always Good

What God ordains is always good: What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy. He is my friend and Father; he suffers naught to do me harm As he directs my life for me, though many storms may gather. I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed Now I may know in ev'ry need both joy and woe; knows well how he will shield me; someday I shall see clearly that he has loved me dearly. to him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
for with his arm,
he shall embrace and shield me.
So to my God I yield me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast (1649–1708) Tune: Severus Gastorius (1646–1682) J. S. Bach (BWV 250), ca. 1730 Arrangement: Dan Forrest (ASCAP)

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. Where there is love and affection, there is God. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us fear and love the living God. And from a pure heart hold each other dear. Amen.

Music: Ola Gjeilo, 2007

God's Own Child I Gladly Say It

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any that brought me salvation free, lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me in a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood? Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon-enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
all your might has come unraveled,
and, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

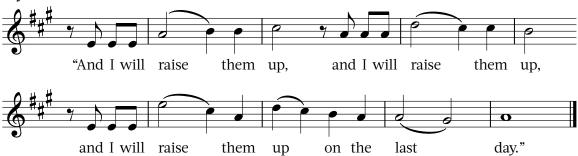
Text: Erdmann Neumeister (1671–1756) Translation: Robert E. Voelker Tune: BACHOFEN, Johann Caspar Bachofen (1695–1755), alt. Setting: Kevin Becker

I Am the Bread of Life

The assembly joins in the refrains.

"I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draws them."

Refrain



Yo soy la Resurrección, yo soy la Vida. Si en mí ustedes creen, aunque hayan muerto, vivirán por siempre. "I am the resurrection; I am the life. They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live forever."

Refrain

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

Refrain sung twice

Text and music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927



The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end. Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war she waits the consummation of peace forevermore till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

> Text: Samuel J. Stone (1839–1900) abr. alt. Tune: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley (1810–1876) Arrangement: A. O. Lehmann

Musical Offering

Fanfare and Variations on Noël Nouvelet

Raymond H. Haan

The assembly is invited to meditate upon "Now the Green Blade Riseth" as the musical offering is played.

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, thinking that He never would awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Peace

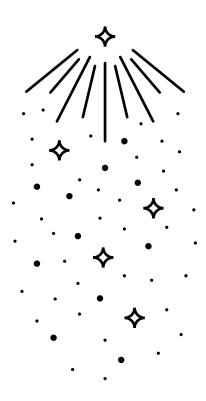
My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars, where stands a wingèd sentry all skillful in the wars,

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles, and One born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend, and (O my soul, awake!) did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of Peace, the Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges; for none can thee secure but One who never changes—thy God, thy life, thy cure.



Text: Henry Vaughan (1621–1695) Music: Peter R. Hallock, 1956 Edited by Carl Crosier

E'en So Lord Jesus

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

> Music: Paul Manz Text: Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

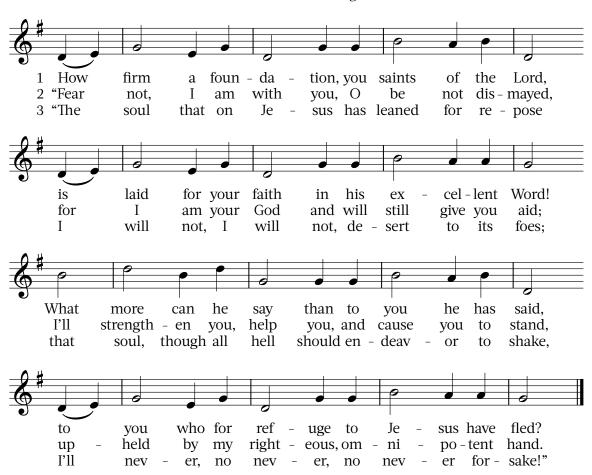
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ,
and of his Christ;
And he shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759) Text: Revelation 11:15; 19:6,16

How Firm a Foundation





Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, ed. John Rippon, alt. Tune: Genuine Church Music, Winchester, 1832, ed. Joseph Funk Arrangement: Don Chapman

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure, your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown; with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought to stand in joy beside you.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607–76) tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Kurt J. Eggert (1923–93) arr. Carl F. Schalk, 1992



The Seminary Chorus

Offering

A freewill offering will be gathered after services to support the work of the Seminary Chorus. Offerings may also be given online at **community.wisluthsem.org**. Select "The Seminary Chorus" via the designation menu. Thank you for your generosity!



CDs Available

CDs of recent recordings by the Seminary Chorus are for sale in the narthex for \$12. "The Seminary Chorus: Across the Years, Across the Miles" contains highlights of recordings from 1995 to 2016. "Christ Is the World's Light" and "The Divine Service in Song" are the most recent recordings from 2022 and 2023. Anthems by the Seminary Chorus are available on Spotify, iTunes, and Apple Music.

The Seminary Chorus

For 92 years the Seminary Chorus has appeared regularly in congregations of the Wisconsin Synod to proclaim the Word of God in song and to represent the ministry of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Membership in the chorus is open to all students, and the group rehearses three times each week. The chorus presents an annual Christmas concert, performed twice on the second Sunday in December, to several thousand guests. A concert is held the evening before the seminary's graduation service in May. The chorus regularly participates in worship at Wisconsin congregations during the school year. The chorus will bring God's Word in song to WELS churches in Nevada and California during Easter break this March.

Professor Aaron Christie

Professor Christie served as a parish pastor for 23 years in Antioch, IL, and Waukesha, WI, before transitioning to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in the summer of 2020. He serves the seminary as dean of chapel and professor of worship and homiletics. Professor Christie serves the synod at large as chair of the hymnal project's Hymnody Committee, as a member of the Commission on Worship, and the Institute for Worship and Outreach. In addition to his training as a pastor, he holds the Master of Church Music degree from Concordia University Wisconsin. He is currently working toward the Master in Theology in Christian Liturgy from St. John's Graduate School and Seminary in Collegeville, MN.



2024 Appearances

February 21

St. John, Lannon, WI Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

February 25

St. Paul, Brownsville, WI Sunday Morning Service, 10:00 am

March 6

Pilgrim, Menomonee Falls, WI Midweek Lenten Service, 6:30 pm

March 10

St. John Hillside, Milwaukee, WI Sunday Evening Compline, 6:30 pm

March 13

Peace, Hartford, WI Midweek Lenten Service. 6:30 pm

March 17

Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI Sunday Morning Services, 8:00 and 10:30 am

March 20

Grace, Milwaukee, WI Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00 pm

March 24

Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas, NV 8:00 and 10:30 am

Beautiful Savior, Las Vegas, NV 25th Anniversary Service, 4:00 pm

March 25

Reformation, San Diego, CA 7:00 pm

March 26

California Lutheran High School, Wildomar, CA 10:15 am

King of Kings, Garden Grove, CA 7:00 pm

March 27

Hope, Los Angeles, CA 7:00 pm

March 28

Apostles, San Jose, CA 7:00 pm

March 29

St. Mark. Citrus Heights, CA 6:30 pm

March 30

Shepherd of the Mountains, Reno, NV Area Easter Vigil Service, 7:00 pm

March 31

The Springs, Sparks, NV 8:00 and 10:30 am

Light of the Valleys, Reno, NV 9:30 am

April 10

Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI Evening Chapel, 7:30–8:15 pm

April 14

Trinity, Waukesha, WI Sunday Morning Services, 8:00 and 10:30 am

May 5

Morning Star, Jackson, WI Sunday Morning Services, 8:00 and 10:30 am

May 23

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI Graduation Concert, 7:00 pm

The Seminary Chorus

TENOR I

August Biga Dexter, MI Noah Bruckschen Mishicot, WI Andrew Carter Brownsville, WI Nathan Golisch Jackson, WI Kyle Lindemann Spring Hill, FL Ronny Nguyen West St. Paul, MN Joel Schewe Janesville, WI Jonah Schlomer Houston, TX Jacob Schwark Elkhorn, WI Jack Vogel Grand Rapids, MI Noah Vogt Las Vegas, NV Josiah Winkel Milwaukee, WI Joshua Wordell Kenosha, WI

BASS I

Adam Arrowsmith	Bay City, MI
Philip Balge	New Ulm, MN
Joseph Behm	Jackson, WI
Keith Brassow	Saginaw, MI
Nathaniel Brauer	Watertown, WI
Christopher Crenshaw	Livonia, MI
Samuel Engel	Red Wing, MN
Brice Guse	West Bend, WI
Seth Hackbarth	Lake Mills, WI
Nathan Holz	Clarksville, TN
Kelvin Johannes	Lowell, AR
Jonathan Marquardt	Milwaukee, WI
Collin Maurice	Watertown, WI
Noah Nordlie	Lake Orion, MI
Tristan Pankow	Bay City, MI
Robert Read	Richardson, TX
Matthew Rugen	Saint Joseph, MI
Jacob Schmidt	Ixonia, WI
Eli Sievert	Yorba Linda, CA
Hugo Ugalde-Bemer	Cedar Rapids, IA
Caleb Westra	Columbia, TN

TENOR II

Calvin Arstein	Boise, ID
Juan Escobar	Doral, FL
Benjamin Hahm	Hilton, NY
Alexander Heiman	Sahuarita, AZ
Ryan Henning	Jenera, OH
Jacob Klug	Juneau, WI
Cooper Knoll	West Bend, WI
Caleb Koelpin	Dallas, TX
Josiah Loersch	Watertown, WI
Josiah Mittelstadt	Lake Elmo, MN
Zachary Neumann	Kenosha, WI
Micah Otto	Baraboo, WI
Isaiah Pederson	Andover, MN
Mason Prost	Watertown, WI
Marcus Sims	Franklin, WI
Jacob Ungemach	Manitowoc, WI
Charles Ungemach	Trevor, WI

BASS II

Benjamin Bitter	Milwaukee, WI
Silas Dose	New Ulm, MN
Isaiah Duff	Saint Paul, MN
Samuel Eickhoff	Sheboygan, WI
John Fix	Des Moines, IA
Clayton Fury	Houston, TX
Zachary Gregorius	Watertown, WI
Ryan Gurgel	Mequon, WI
Caleb Lindholm	Reedsburg, WI
Noah Melso	Manitowoc, WI
Micah Otto	Mequon, WI
Joshua Schroeder	Chula Vista, CA
Jonah Schulz	Boynton Beach, FL
Benjamin Schwartz	Bremerton, WA
Joseph Wessel	New Ulm, MN

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Instrumentalists

Noah Melso, *organ and piano*Philip Balge, Joseph Behm, Josiah Loersch, and Matthew Rugen, *piano*Josiah Loersch, *violin*John Fix, *guitar*Mason Prost, *bass guitar*Joshua Schroeder, *saxophone*Keith Brassow and Jacob Schwark, *percussion*Joseph Behm, Matthew Rugen, and Josiah Winkel, *trumpet*Josiah Mittelstadt, Ronny Nguyen, and Joseph Wessel, *trombone*Marcus Sims, *French horn*





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