

The 2026 WLS Symposium: What is Man? Answers from Lutheran Anthropology

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

September 21–22, 2026

Schedule of Events

MONDAY

- 1:10 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Prof. Earle D. Treptow
President, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
- 1:15 p.m. **Essay #1 – I Believe in Man: A Creedal Confession of the Human Nature**
Rev. Joel C. Seifert (WLS 2005)
Pastor, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Marietta, GA
- 2:30 p.m. **Formal Reaction and Opportunity for Questions**
Prof. Noah M. Headrick delivers a reaction to the essay. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification of points raised by the essayist and reactor.
- 3:15 p.m. **Recess**
Refreshments and snacks are served in the auditorium.
- 3:45 p.m. **Essay #2 – Christ's Dust: The Body in Light of the Incarnation and Resurrection**

Rev. Dr. Philip M. Moldenhauer (WLS 2012)
Pastor, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Madison, WI
- 5:00 p.m. **Formal Reaction and Opportunity for Questions**
Prof. Nathan R. Ericson delivers a reaction to the essay. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification of points raised by the essayist and reactor.
- 5:45 p.m. **Symposium Afterglow**
Generous appetizers are served in the cafeteria. Guest attendees are invited to partake first, before seminary participants. Beverages are served in the campus inner circle, weather permitting. All are invited to mingle and visit into the evening.

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. **Essay #3 – The Goal of All of God’s Ways: Man as the Image of God**

Rev. Brett J. Krause (WLS 2010)
Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church
Denver, CO

9:15 a.m. **Formal Reaction and Opportunity for Questions**

Dr. Aaron M. Jensen delivers a reaction to the essay. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification of points raised by the essayist and reactor.

10:00 a.m. **Recess**

Coffee and pastries are served in the auditorium.

10:30 a.m. **Panel Discussion; Closing Thoughts and Prayer**

The three essayists offer final remarks on the symposium subject matter as well as receive additional questions from participants. Following the panel discussion, President Treptow offers closing thoughts and a prayer.

11:00 a.m. **Worship**

Preacher, Pres. Richard L. Gurgel (WLS 1986)
President, Martin Luther College
New Ulm, MN

12:30 p.m. **The Symposium Adjourns**