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"In the world, you will
have tribulation....in me....
peace." (John 16:33)

In Christ Jesus, there is peace in tribulation. This is the tension of the life of faith in this world. Tribulation and peace walk together, side by side. What does this look like? How do the cross and resurrection of Christ define and shape this?

What is the peace of God?

The peace of God is CONFIDENCE in God. It is so sure of God's overriding and reliable faithfulness that it trusts God. The confidence of peace comes despite what one sees or senses or feels around him or her. It is confidence in the midst of real and present tribulation.

What is the peace of God?

It is a POWER that keeps us and guards us. We hear this in St. Paul's famous benediction.

"Now may the peace of God which
passes all understanding, keep
and guard your heart and minds in
Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

The peace of God is a power that guards and keeps us in Christ, especially when we are vulnerable or feel separated from him.

What is the peace of God?

It is Jesus' PROMISE contained in, by and through His Word:

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace." (John 16:33)
Jesus promises to come to us and to meet us at the point of our greatest needs. He comes to complete all that is incomplete and empty in our lives.

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It is the promised HOLY SPIRIT. In his farewell discourse, Jesus prepared his followers for his departure. Knowing what lay ahead for them, he promised to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to give that peace which passes understanding.

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It is COURAGE to take heart and to be still and know that Jesus is our Lord and God in any and all circumstances, and through any hardship. Why can we trust this to be true? Because this is a peace that is anchored in the final promise of John 16:

"I have conquered the world!"

So may this peace of God which passes all human understanding, keep and guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

Pastor Randy Freund,
Augustana District Service Coordinator

Coming July 2, 2019... Lutheran Quarterly Book Series

Coming July 2, 2019 in the Lutheran Quarterly Books series, *The Essential Forde: Distinguishing Law and Gospel*. It is basically Forde's greatest hits. The difference from the previous two Lutheran Quarterly Books collections of Forde's work is that this volume largely contains excerpts from his books. The first chapter is from *The Law-Gospel Debate*. Then *On Being a Theologian of the Cross* and *Theology Is for Proclamation* play a starring role, with *The Captivation of the Will* also making an appearance.

I would recommend *Where God Meets Man: Luther's Down-to-Earth Ap-proach to the Gospel* as an introduction to Forde for lay people and *The Essential Forde* for college/ seminary students (and for quite interested lay people). The latter has a short preface by James Nestingen and a Forde biography in nuce. Then Mark Mattes introduces the excerpts in the book and Steven Paulson gives 20 pages of his usual explosions, including a couple of great lines from Forde's teaching. "The editors have produced a helpful sample of significant studies from the pen of the most insightful North American interpreter of

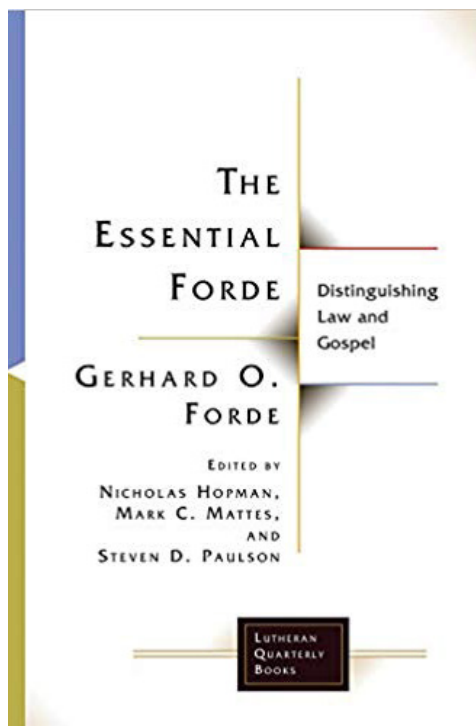
Luther in the latter decades of the twentieth century. Readers experience the master of the phrase well-turned on Luther's lathe from a number of Forde's writings. The personal reflections and ruminations

of the editors prepare readers for venturing into the depths of Forde's imaginative contemporary translation of the heart of the proclamation of Christ in the works of the Wittenberg Reformer. Here, readers learn how the law kills both nomian and antinomian attempts to turn away from the crucified and risen Christ's freely given gift of new life and what it means to live as a righteous child of God through daily repentance and the forgiveness of sins." Robert Kolb—Concordia Seminary

You can preview and order the book here: <https://fortresspress.com/theessentialforde>
Thanks,

Nick Hopman

P.S. Steve Paulson's second book in his trilogy is coming out this fall. You can check it out and pre-order a copy today <https://fortresspress.com/luthersoutlawgodvolume2>



Welcome to our newly endorsed Clergy
Pr. Matthew Shields of Flanagan, IL!

Last Chance! Final Call To Enter The NEWSLETTER CONTEST



The monthly "E-newsletter" needs an update... a new name. What should we call the AD Newsletter? Submit your ideas to office@augustanadistrict.org by MAY 20. The winner will be announced in the June Newly Named Newsletter!

Note: A committee of highly qualified newsletter aficionados will judge the competition. Good luck to you!

P.S. The winner will get a free convention pass for the 10th Annual Convention in 2020 as well as a free lifetime supply of Augustana District Newsletters to share with your friends and family! Send your suggestions in TODAY!

Have you seen the new AD Promo Video yet?



We are encouraging all AD Congregations to have an Augustana District Sunday.

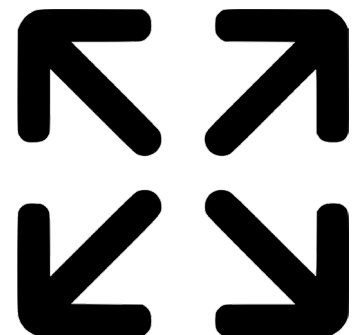
On that day we ask you to take 3 minutes to share the video with your congregation.

The video can be found on the new video page and on the home page of the site. Just scroll down the page to the section "Learn About Us" and play the video. Under the video is a tab "Download Promo Packet" that includes copies of the AD logo for you

to use on your churches website, Facebook page, printed materials, etc.

If you have any questions about either of these feel free to call the AD office at 320-234-8403 and Wendy will be happy to help you. The Augustana District would like to thank Dick Lennes and As We Go Ministries for the production of this video.

To view any of the videos at full screen, just click the icon that looks like the image to the right which is usually located in the lower right corner of each video, and your video should pop into full screen mode. To get out of full screen mode, just tap the "Esc" key.





Dr. Mike Fuchs

Dr. Michael Fuchs -
Council Chair
Dr. Mike, a native of
Hastings, Minnesota is a
retired Orthodontist. He
practiced orthodontics
in Huron, South Dakota
for 43 years, retiring in
December 2018. He and
his wife Mary helped

establish Hope Lutheran in Huron in 2011. Dr.
Mike has been on the AD council for three
years and also serves on the Board of World
Missions for the district. He and Mary were
part of the 2014 delegation to Ethiopia. They
continue to reside in Huron and enjoy time at their
lake home in Park Rapids, MN. They have three adult
children, four grandchildren and served as emergency
foster parents to 48 children during the 1980's. During
his career, Dr. Mike served on numerous boards and committees

both professionally and civically.

Pastor Nathan Hanson -

Nathan Hanson, born in Hardin, Montana (11/08/1955), raised in Glendive, Montana, and Crookston, Minnesota. I attended Concordia College, Moorhead, MN obtaining BA degrees in Elementary Education and Music Education. After teaching sixth-grade in Farmington, MN from 1978-1980 I attended Luther Northwestern Seminary from 1980-1984. After ordination in June of 1984, my pastoral service included:

- Bear River Lutheran and Nashwauk Lutheran Churches, Bear River, MN (1984-1986)
- Oslo Lutheran, Gruver, Texas (1986-1991)
- St. John's Lutheran, American Falls, Idaho (1991-1998)
- Moe Lutheran Parish (consisting of Lands, Romsdal and Trinity Lutheran churches), Canton, South Dakota (1998-2018)
- Our Savior's Lutheran and Fahlun Lutheran Churches of Nelson, MN (2018 to present)

I married Ruth Halvorson in 1982. We have three children: Anna, Samuel and Ezekiel. We currently reside in rural Vining, Minnesota. My mother lives with us at our home.

I joined Word Alone in 2000; joined LCMC in 2009; joined Augustana District in 2014 (I think it was). Attended both trips to Ethiopia with Paul Knudson for AD missions.



Pr. Nathan Hanson



Eric Knutson

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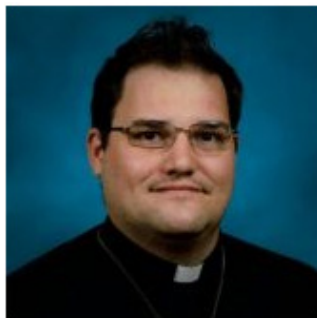
Eric and his wife Leah have been members of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota since moving there in 1994. They are blessed with two, beautiful daughters. Eric is a veteran of the United States Air Force and currently owns and operates a small family business in his home town. He served for three years as one of the founding Augustana District (AD) Board members. He has served on the AD Board of World Missions for many years. He had the distinct privilege of traveling with a delegation of 11 from AD to Hawassa, Ethiopia to witness the signing of the historic covenant between AD and Tabor Congregation. He was asked to step in and fill an AD position that became vacant last fall and currently serves as the AD Treasurer. He has a passion for mission and would like to see the Good News of Jesus Christ spread to all corners of the earth.

Pastor Julie Smith -

Julie Smith is a pastor at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Springfield. She has previously served on the Augustana Board for Theology and Ministry and will be completing her second term on the LCMC Board of Trustees in September. In addition to serving at St. Johns she is also Dean of Students at St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.



Pr. Julie Smith



Pr. Thomas Thorstad

Pastor Tom Thorstad - Pastor Tom,

is currently the Pastor of St. Peter's

Lutheran Church in Sanborn, NY, an LCMC

and Augustana District congregation. Prior to coming to St. Peter's he served as

a missionary for eight years in a small communist country with his wife Deuane,

called Moon in English, a native of Laos. Pastor Tom and Deuane have three

boys: Abraham, David and Joseph. He has a Master of Divinity (TCU) and a

Master of Theology in Biblical Studies (GTS) from schools based in East Asia. He

is rostered with LCMC and with Augustana District. While overseas he served in various regional leadership positions as the Network Director and on the Executive committee of the network for a 13 country multi-denomination and mission regional network.

20/20 VISION

The 2019 Convention held May 11 at Living Word Lutheran Church included a time of worship (led by Pastors A.J. Kluver and Michael Hanson, learning (with Mark Vander Tuig) and connecting (or re-connecting) with old and new friends (over delicious food served by the ladies of Living Word) as well as celebrating as Pr. Paul Knudson was recognized for his years of service to the Board of World Missions). The attendance was about 95 people with an amazing 13 joining us via live stream. Some from as far away as Montana, Texas, New York and even Kuwait.

One part of the business meeting included the election of new district council representatives and you can find their bios and pictures on the previous pages.



Note in the upper right corner those joining the meeting via the live stream.

We have over- hauled the website!

If you go to our website, and you're seeing the same old stuff - you should clear your device cache!



What's Caching?

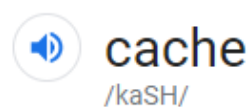
For load time reduction, a lot of computers will cache (store a snapshot of) pages and show you outdated information.

How do you clear it? Don't fret... just ask the Google!

For Windows OS - hold ctrl+F5

For Android smart phones, swipe down hard and you should see a screen refresh...

Or simply ask a search engine for your specific device, and it will show you how to clear your specific device cache.



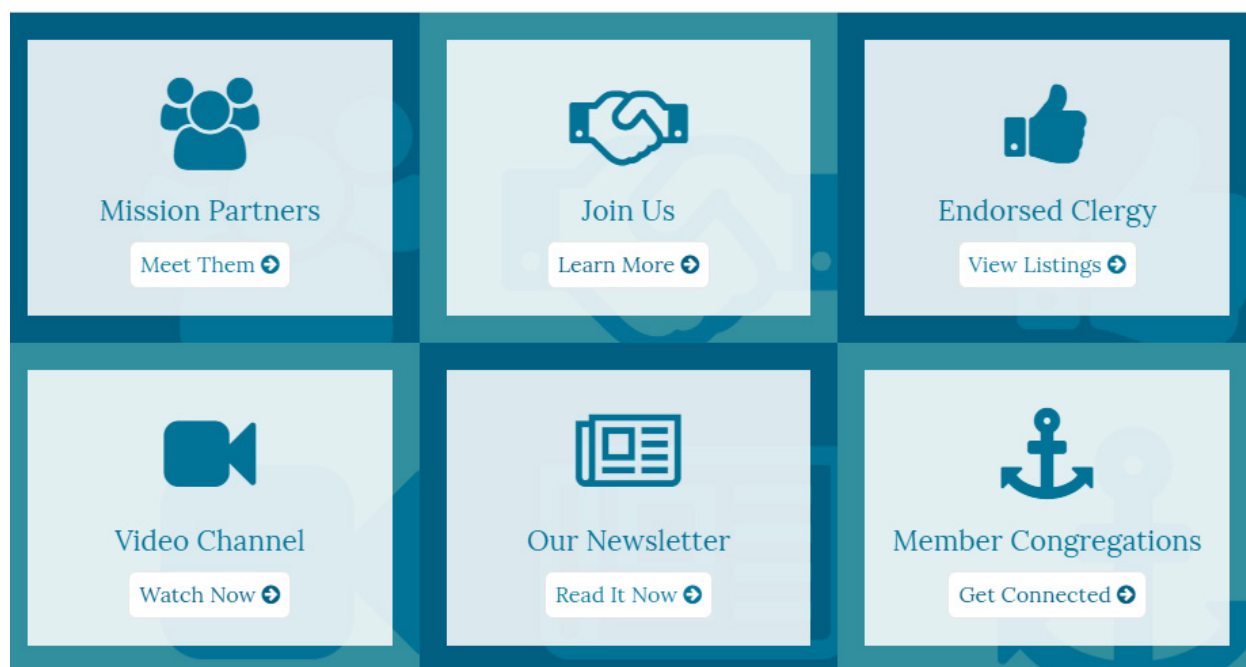
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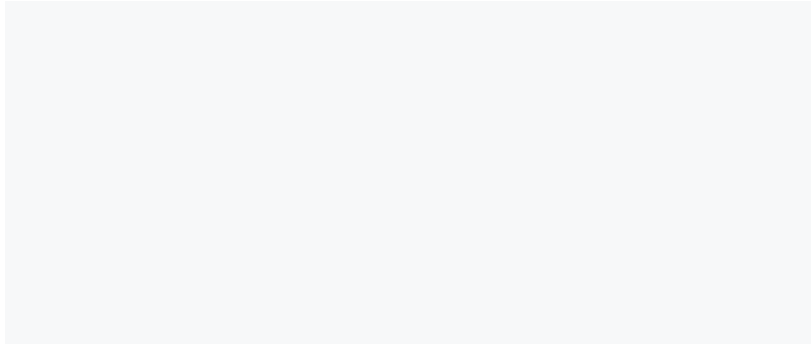
gerund or present participle: **caching**

store away in hiding or for future use.

- **COMPUTING**
store (data) in a cache memory.
- **COMPUTING**
provide (hardware) with a cache memory.

What's new? Mostly, it's just how we are serving the information that needs to come to you. The most important information is on the home page - and we now have an announcements section at the top that should make getting to events much easier. We have icon driven navigation in place now, too. So, surf on over to augustanadistrict.org and take a look around and let us know if there is something YOU would like to see.





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Augustana District WOW (Women of the Word) Annual Gathering
Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 8a.m. - 3 p.m.

LCMC 19th Annual Gathering and Convention
September 29 - October 2, 2019

First Annual Augustana District High School Retreat
December 6-8, 2019

2020 Annual Convention "10:10"
Saturday, May 2, 2020

SAVE THE DATES!!!

