

About This Booklet

This booklet commemorates the completion of twenty-five years of publishing *Lutheran Quarterly*, new series, and accompanies its modest anniversary festivities, namely, the lecture tour of Oswald Bayer in March 2012 and especially the celebratory banquet at Augsburg College on March 23, 2012. It conveys our appreciation to the many authors and donors who have supported *Lutheran Quarterly* over this quarter century, both those in attendance at the banquet and those who receive it afterward.

First is a reprint of the Notes from 2011, “Lutheran Quarterly at 25,” announcing Bayer’s lecture tour, glimpsing our book production, and principally thanking our founders, book review editors, and all those authors of course.

Our two primary ways of celebrating this small milestone are not really *about* LQ itself, its founding or its output of 100 issues and a dozen plus books, but rather two specific forms of doing what we are here called to do, namely, to bring *sola fide* theology and reliable history to the next generation of readers and preachers. So we, first, bring Oswald Bayer not only to print but now also in person to a new generation of Lutheran seminarians in five locations: “A Public Mystery” has been heard and will be published in our Summer 2012 issue. Secondly, we have selected a dozen essays to convey the same message, “Justification is for Preaching,” as now available from Pickwick Publications (Wipf and Stock). There Bayer, Gerhard Forde, Steven D. Paulson, and Mark Mattes, among others, bring the strong message about the Word that justifies the ungodly, as seen below in the Table of Contents, in Bayer’s Foreword, and in Paulson’s essay “Categorical Preaching.” Bayer’s lecture and this title, *Justification is for Preaching*, deliver what *Lutheran Quarterly* is all about over these first 100 issues and now into the future, God willing.

An index of all our (273) authors over this first quarter century rounds out this booklet, with our profound appreciation for their work. Also available on our website, www.lutheranquarterly.com, this index can guide you to old favorites, missed gems, and unexpected connections.

Across the page, finally, is the reason *Lutheran Quarterly* exists at all, humanly speaking. This booklet and these jubilee events are all in appreciation of our leader Oliver K. Olson, founding editor and still president of the Board of Directors.

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