

**Department of Theology**  
**Luther Studies in a Catholic Context Lecture**



Dr. Markus Wriedt

**“How did Luther's teaching become a doctrine?”**

Thursday, September 10 at 3:30 PM

Weasler Auditorium

Free and Open to the Public

In the ecumenical dialogues, representatives of different denominations and churches often refer to Luther's doctrine as represented in the Confessions, e.g., the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Formula of Concord, and the Book of Concord. There are, however, some theologians, who prefer to take Luther's teaching itself as their point of reference, which sometimes seems to be in tension with the doctrinal formulations found in the Confessions. What doctrine is valid for Lutherans? What is their basis for interconfessional dialogue? How could Luther's teaching even be considered church doctrine, especially since he firmly rejected the role of lead ecumenical representative for the Reformation movement? Did Luther become "the Pope of Wittenberg" and with it the Antichrist within the Reformation? - Questions like these will be asked and potential answers will be tested out in the public lecture given by Dr. Markus Wriedt, regular visiting Professor for Historical Theology at Marquette University. Dr. Wriedt is an internationally-recognized scholar of Reformation History and Protestant Theology. The lecture will be followed by a q&a session.

Discussion will follow the lecture.