



Lesson 2

The Young Synod Embraces Confessionalism (1860–1890)

During the Lesson

1. What concerned Bading about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln?
2. Why did the small Wisconsin Synod decide it needed its own seminary institution?
3. How did the Wisconsin Synod come to a stronger public confession of the Word?
4. What does it mean for church bodies to be in fellowship with one another?



5. How did the maturing Wisconsin Synod show the importance of education during this period?

6. What were the fears about the language used to describe God's election unto grace?

Following the Lesson

1. How can modern WELS congregations address challenges of growth and outreach today, while maintaining a strong focus on doctrine, as the synod did in its formative years?

2. How can WELS members today remain vigilant in preserving theological clarity in a world where many religious movements emphasize inclusivity over doctrine?