

## Lutheran Guy: A parody of American Pie by Don McLean

*Editor's Note: The following lyrics were written by Cynthia Strieter, Contemporary Band Director at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Westlake, Ohio. Originally written for confirmation class history lessons seven years ago, she resurrected it for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

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### VERSE 1

A long, long time ago  
We must all remember  
How the Reformation got its start  
A boy to Hans and Margaret born  
Was baptized on the following morn  
The child of the Luthers was named Mart  
Young Martin Luther got the call  
When a lightning bolt caused him to fall  
He sold his books for law school  
And took up studying God's rule  
He entered the monastic life  
In the peaceful Erfort countryside  
And something touched him deep inside  
The day he took those vows

### REFRAIN 1

My, my this here Lutheran guy  
May be famous, but he's dangerous  
And a thorn in our side  
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,  
Saying, "Just recant or you will be tried"  
He said, "Here I stand, I won't be denied"

### VERSE 2

He started on his quest with love  
And the utmost faith in God above  
He let the Bible be his guide  
But he stood up to the monks who told  
That works could save your mortal soul  
And tried to teach, "By grace we're justified"  
Well he said John Tetzel was a crook  
'cause of the indulgences he took  
Then late one Halloween night  
He gave the Vatican a fright  
He nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door  
Never meant to start a holy war  
But this is what he was called for  
The day he took those vows

### REFRAIN 1

### VERSE 3

Archbishop Albert with the Pope  
And Cardinal Cajetan all spoke  
'bout Martin Luther's heresy  
So they called him back to Rome to see  
If a Diet of Worms could ever be  
Enough to make him stop his blasphemy  
He was ex-communicated then  
By a jury of his former friends  
The courtroom was adjourned  
The verdict was returned  
And while Martin left that day from Rome  
To Castle Wartburg, his new home  
He recalled the fervor he had known  
The day he took those vows

### REFRAIN 1

### VERSE 4 (VERSE 6 in the original song)

He met a girl who'd been a nun  
And escaped the convent on the run  
Katharina Bora was her name  
In Wittenberg as man and wife  
Mart 'n' Katy started their new life  
And pretty soon six new Lutherans came along  
Now the printing press was all the rage  
And Martin's words were on each page  
The Word was also spoken  
For the rules had all been broken  
And the three that he admired the most  
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost  
Were praised with an angelic host  
The day he took those vows

### REFRAIN 1

### REFRAIN 2

They were singing, My, my this here Lutheran guy  
May be famous, but he's dangerous  
And a thorn in our side  
Them good old boys at the Vatican cried,  
He said, "Here I stand, I won't be denied"