

MN 131W-DM Introduction to Preaching: Preaching on the Boundaries of the Church

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Elective – Residential or Synchronous

Open to anyone who has not taken MN230; MADM students prioritized

One credit hour

Credit/No Credit Grading

This course will provide an overview of a distinctly Lutheran theology of preaching and processes of moving faithfully from biblical text to sermon. Particular attention will be given to preaching in a manner that is fitting for a particular people, time, and place, both inside and outside of the traditional pulpit. Discussion will include 1) boundaries around preaching, and proclamation more broadly, as a genre and 2) preaching in response to particular events or issues of justice while proclaiming Christ crucified. Students will preach two sermons.

Objectives

As a result of this course, students will:

- Know how to navigate basic tools aiding in the intentionally contextual movement from text to sermon (Practice of Missio Dei in Word and Sacrament;)
- Start to develop a distinctly diaconal preaching voice, reflecting upon the opportunities made possible on the boundaries of the church and playing creatively with the sermon as a genre (Practice of Complex Analysis; Practice of Curiosity)

Procedure

This course will meet for one hour per week. Teaching and learning methods will include 1) interactive lecture, 2) group discussion and activities, and 3) preaching and receiving feedback on two sermons.

Evaluation

This course requires active participation, collegial interaction, and arriving to class on time and prepared to discuss assignments and preach.

Bibliography

Required

O. Wesley Allan, *Determining the Form*

Lisa L. Thompson, *Ingenuity: Preaching as an Outsider*

Supplementary

Kathy Black, *A Healing Homiletic: Preaching and Disability*

Carolyn Helsel, *Preaching About Racism*

Liz Lerman and John Borstel, *Critical Response Process: A Method for Getting Useful Feedback on Anything You Make, From Dance to Dessert*

Resmaa Menakem, *The Quaking of America: An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nation's Upheaval and Racial Reckoning*

Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, *Prophetic Preaching: A Pastoral Approach*

Timothy Wengert, *Reading the Bible with Martin Luther*