

MN 131W-DM 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

2 credits (credit/no credit only)

Description: This course provides an overview of a Lutheran theology of preaching and processes of moving faithfully from biblical text to sermon. Particular attention is given to the unique opportunities and challenges of preaching as a deacon inside and outside the traditional pulpit. Discussion includes 1) preaching in response to particular events or issues of justice while faithfully proclaiming Christ crucified and 2) boundaries around preaching, and proclamation more broadly, as a genre. Students preach twice.

Objectives: As a result of this course, students will:

1. Know how to navigate basic tools aiding in the intentionally contextual movement from text to sermon (*Practice of Missio Dei in Word and Sacrament*)
2. 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 two hours 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, arriving to class on time, and prepared to discuss assignments and preach.

Bibliography

Required

Leah Schade, *Preaching in the Purple Zone*

Timothy Wengert, *Reading the Bible with Martin Luther*

Recommended

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

Carolyn Helsel, *Preaching About Racism: A Guide for Faith Leaders*

Lisa Thompson, *Ingenuity: Preacher as an Outsider*

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