

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile - Fall Term 2008

I/M-M/I-400 Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar
Advanced Seminar in Liturgy and Preaching

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Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. Rationale

1. This course serves as an extended, thoughtful debriefing of field experiences in the areas of worship and preaching.
2. As such it evolves into an opportunity to pursue further basic issues raised in the core courses.
3. The course also capitalizes on the sensible unity of worship and preaching as interacting disciplines for the Sunday assembly.

Objectives

1. The student will be equipped to address issues that arise from assembly worship on a regular basis.
2. The student will be able to provide necessary leadership in the administration of church music in a congregation.
3. The student will be prepared with broader skills in homiletical method and skill.
4. The student will have a working knowledge of important bibliographical resources for the design and execution of assembly worship.

Strategies

1. The direction of the class will in part depend upon the case studies prepared by students; this assignment is an outgrowth of the field experience.
2. Other subjects to be presented by the instructors include:
 - Eucharistic theology as congregational experience
 - Worship as the cradle of stewardship
 - Meaning and Function of Church Music
 - Hymnody as the staple of congregational worship
 - How to prepare a sermon/sermon series in the long term
 - Ritual and Myth as the paradigm for the Sunday assembly
 - Viewpoint: Worship follows the sermon; Sermon follows the liturgy
3. Assignments:
 - Prepare a case study from field experience that involves both worship and preaching Preach two sermons
 - Plan an ordination service or another major service
 - Develop a feedback mechanism for preaching
 - Attendance at the Valpo Liturgical Conference
 - Readings

Bibliography

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pew and leader's editions
Ron Allen and Mary Alice Mulligan, *Make the Word Come Alive: Lessons from Laity*
Joseph Webb, *Preaching Without Notes*
Other assignments as needed from case studies