Course Profile

Course # and Title: ML 405 The Sacramental Landscape: An Introduction to Worship
Instructor: Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart
Semester/Year: Spring 2021

Short Description
LSTC’s foundational course in worship leadership and planning, this course offers an expansive approach to the core practices of word and sacrament.

Delivery Mode: online, with synchronous and asynchronous components. If it is safe to gather in person, optional lab sessions will take place in Augustana Chapel, with alternatives for remote learners.

Course Rationale and Description
(Why do we offer this course? Which of LSTC’s degree program learning outcomes does it address?)

This course—LSTC’s foundational course in worship leadership—is an interdisciplinarily exploration of sacramental history, theology and practice. The course approaches diverse topics from sacramental perspectives while developing skills in worship planning and leadership, especially using the core worship resources of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Two crucial modes of thought are intentionally cultivated: expansive theological thinking rooted in a core confessional commitment to the practices of word and sacrament. The course offers an exploration of the landscape of spirituality in worship; help in navigating and leading others in the liturgical environment of public worship, and support for tracing lines of connection from public worship into wider landscapes.

The course addresses a number of the MDiv and MA degree program learning outcomes:
- interpreting the spirituality of worship (MDiv, MAM, 1)
- navigating and leading others in the liturgical environment of public worship (MDiv 1, 3, 5, 6; MAM 1, 3, 5)
- tracing lines of connection from public worship into wider landscapes (MDiv & MAM 1, 3, 4)

Course Learning Outcomes (Learners will be able to):
(What difference will this course make to students’ knowledge, skills, attitudes, and practices?)

- knowledgeably discuss various modes of prayer in liturgy and synthesize such practices into learners’ own spiritual life in worship
- plan and lead worship faithfully, competently, and expansively, using the most up-to-date liturgical resources produced for use in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- speak key portions of the eucharistic liturgy in Spanish
- articulate a vision of how Christian liturgy relates to the whole of the Christian life

Strategies for Learning:
(How shall we go about achieving these outcomes?)

- Assigned readings
- Participation in weekly discussion and practica sessions
• Texts By Heart quiz
• Open book worship resource test
• Videorecordings of worship leadership
• Construction of annotated leader guide for Sunday worship
• Final project connecting Sunday liturgy, spirituality, and the life of the world

Assessment:
(How shall we know if we—students and instructors—have been successful in achieving the outcomes?)

• Verbal feedback from peers and instructor (and grading of participation from instructor) in weekly discussions of readings and course content and in worship lab
• Grading and review of quiz and test
• Verbal feedback from instructor and peers on videorecorded worship leadership
• Written feedback on annotated leader guide and final project

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