Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile

Course # and Title: ML 405 The Sacramental Landscape: An Introduction to Worship
Instructor: Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart
Semester/Year: Spring 2020

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Before registering for this course, be sure to check the important information below regarding scheduling (two special dates for class, details listed just above the bibliography) and ordering books from Augsburg Fortress (a hint to save money on shipping, details listed on the first line of the bibliography).

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 interdisciplinary exploration of sacramental history, theology and practice. The course analyzes 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, MATS 1)
- navigating and leading others in the liturgical environment of public worship (MDiv 1, 3, 5, 6; MAM 1, 3, 5; MATS 3, 4)
- tracing lines of connection from public worship into wider landscapes (MDiv & MAM 1, 3, 4; MATS 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 worship lab
• Texts By Heart quiz
• Open book worship resource test
• Videotaping of worship leadership
• Participation in and reflection on the Great Three Days, through a one-day paschal retreat
• 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 videotaped worship leadership
• Written feedback on three days reflection, annotated leader guide, and final project

IMPORTANT ADVANCE SCHEDULING NOTES:
• this course includes participation in an intensive all-day paschal retreat on Friday, March 27, in which the services of the Great Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) are planned and led in an off-campus setting by members of the course. Be sure to include this date on your calendar when registering for the course (plan to arrive at LSTC by 11 a.m. for the retreat; we will return to LSTC after the retreat by 9 p.m.).
• the class session on April 20th will be held at Valparaiso University at the Institute of Liturgical Studies, the leading Lutheran liturgical conference in the United States. Course members will be offered a choice among the Institute seminars and receive free admission to the seminars, held 1 – 4 p.m. (Course members also receive complimentary admission to the rest of the three-day conference). Course members are encouraged to carpool: Valparaiso University is an approximately one hour drive from LSTC. Be sure to include this date and travel time on your calendar when registering for the course.

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Additional information:

- Before registering for the course, be sure to see the two important notes referenced above regarding scheduling and book ordering.

- Note: Course profiles provide a preliminary snapshot of the course. It does not take the place of the course syllabus provided by the course instructor.