Course Profile

Course # and Title: ML 405 The Sacramental Landscape: An Introduction to Worship  
Instructor: Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart  
Semester/Year: Spring 2019

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. Thus 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. NOTE: this class requires participation in an all-day paschal retreat on Saturday, April 6, in which the services of the Great Three Days are planned and led by members of the course. Be sure to include this date on your calendar when registering for the course.

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 written 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

**Bibliography:**

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*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.*