Symposia Series 2018

33rd Annual Symposium on Exegetical Theology
The Communion of Saints: Called Into Fellowship
January 16–17, 2018

41st Annual Symposium on The Lutheran Confessions
Confessional Lutheran Reflections on the Moral Life
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Tuesday, January 16

8:45 a.m. Welcome
Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
President
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

8:50 a.m. Community in Crisis: Finding Communion Through Lament
Prof. Ryan M. Tietz
Assistant Professor of Exegetical Theology
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

10:00 a.m. Chapel

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Unity in the Body of Christ: The Mystery of the Communion of Saints
Dr. Arthur A. Just Jr.
Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. The Communion of Saints within the Community of the King in Isaiah
Dr. Andrew T. Abernethy
Associate Professor of Old Testament
Wheaton College
Wheaton, Illinois

2:15 p.m. Communion at Philippi
Dr. John G. Nordling
Professor of Exegetical Theology
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. The Communion of Saints in 1 and 2 Kings: Timeless Truths
Dr. Walter A. Maier III
Professor of Exegetical Theology
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Confessional Lutheran Reflections on the Moral Life

Wednesday, January 17

7:45 a.m. Short Exegetical Paper Sectionals (see Call for Papers)

CALL FOR PAPERS
The Department of Exegetical Theology invites proposals for exegetical papers not to exceed 25 minutes for presentation during the sectionals on January 17 beginning at 7:45 a.m. A paragraph abstract proposal is to be submitted by December 1, 2017. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance in early December. Send your abstract to Rev. Matthew Buse at Matthew.Buse@ctsfw.edu.

9:00 a.m. The Perspicuity of Scripture and the Catholicity of the Church in the Early Christian Reading of Scripture
Dr. James G. Bushur
The Carl and Erna Weinrich Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Church Studies
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

10:00 a.m. Chapel

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Font, Altar, Confession: incarnational-Christological Definitions of the Church
Dr. Dean O. Wenthe
Professor of Exegetical Theology; President Emeritus
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Welcome

1:30 p.m. Palliative Sedation for the Suffering: Euthanasia or Good Medical Practice?
Dr. Gilbert C. Meilaender
Senior Research Professor of Theology
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, Indiana

2:45 p.m. Lex Semper Accusat—Really?
Dr. David P. Scaer
Chairman of Systematic Theology
The David P. Scaer Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology
Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana
### Exhibitor and Vendor Information

There are a limited number of vendor spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Seminary will determine location and placing of displays. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a space, please contact the CTSFW Bookstore at Bookstore@ctsfw.edu or 260.452.2160.

### Lodging Information

The following is a list of hotels near the Seminary. Be sure to ask about such discounts as AAA, AARP, Senior Citizen and Seminary.

- **Don Hall’s Guesthouse**, 1313 W. Washington Center Rd.  
  260.489.2524
- **Holiday Inn at IPFW**, 4111 Paul Shaffer Dr.*  
  260.482.3800
- **Hyatt Place**, 111 W. Washington Center Rd.*  
  260.471.8522

* Airport shuttle service available.

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**LENTEN PREACHING WORKSHOP**

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

**8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**A Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey**

Lent has always been considered a journey. For 40 days we journey with Jesus to His cross and consider our sin and shame that He carried. In our Pre-Lenten workshop, Prof. Pulse, using biblical motifs, will connect our Lenten journey with the 40 years the Israelites wandered through the Exodus wilderness as they anticipated entrance into the Promised Land.

Materials for this workshop are from the 2018 Lenten series of the same name from Concordia Publishing House.

**Presenter:** Prof. Jeffrey H. Pulse, Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**Fee:** $40.00 per person, includes lunch. Register online at www.ctsfw.edu/LentenPreaching.

For additional information email Symposia@ctsfw.edu or phone 260.452.2204.

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**Art Exhibit:**

Conference attendees are encouraged to view the art exhibit "Sola" in the Wayne and Barbara Kroemer Library, where 26 works of art are on display.

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**Thursday, January 18**

**8:30 a.m.**  
**Ethical Tensions within World Lutheranism**  
Dr. Albert B. Colver III  
*Director of Church Relations and*  
*Assistant to the President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
St. Louis, Missouri

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Chapel**

**11:00 a.m.**  
**Christian Opposition to the New Sexuality: Optional or Not?**  
Dr. Gifford A. Grobien  
*Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology*  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**12:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch**

**1:15 p.m.**  
**Vocation, Situation Ethics and the Disaster of Modern Sexuality**  
Dr. Benjamin T. G. Mayes  
*Assistant Professor of Historical Theology*  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**2:30 p.m.**  
**Salvation by God’s Grace, Judgment According to Our Works: Taking a Look at Matthew and Paul**  
Dr. Timo Laato  
*Senior Lecturer in New Testament Exegesis*  
The Lutheran School of Theology  
Gothenburg, Sweden

**4:30 p.m.**  
**Vespers and Organ Recital**

**5:30 p.m.**  
**Reception**

**6:30 p.m.**  
**Banquet**

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**Friday, January 19**

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Moral Warriors—A Contradiction in Terms?**  
Chaplain (Colonel) Jonathan E. Shaw  
*Director of Operations, U. S. Army Chaplain Corps*  
Pentagon

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Panel Discussion—Church and Society: What Are the Rules of Engagement?**

**11:00**  
**Chapel**
**Lenten Preaching Workshop (Monday, January 15, 2018)**

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**Reception & Banquet (Thursday, January 18, 2018)**

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**Grand Total**

* A full breakfast is available for purchase in the Dining Hall each morning for $7.00/person and dinner for $10.00/person.