



2024 Pastors' Conference

Monday, October 28 – Thursday, October 31, 2024
Calvary Lutheran Church, St. Paul MN

The Theme of Our Conference is

The Preaching Ministry in a Lutheran Parish

Based on 2 Timothy 4:1-2

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

Introduction: The sainted church father, John Chrysostom, wrote in his work *Six Books on the Priesthood* that part of the craft of preaching involves the necessity for evaluating one’s work. “Let the best craftsman be the judge of his own handiwork,” Chrysostom counseled. Yet, like most words of wisdom, Chrysostom’s counsel is easier said than done.

The responsibility of preaching is an ongoing commitment. It requires a pastor to evaluate his craft in preaching lest he falls into bad habits or becomes complacent and loses the reverent awe of the unique privilege of stepping into the pulpit as Christ’s messenger. The pastor communicates God’s promises in Christ Jesus to the congregation and the community through preaching. While it may be a weekly obligation, pastors seldom have the opportunity to take a step back and contemplate the broader role of preaching and engage in ongoing preparation for this duty.

This year’s conference presents an exceptional opportunity to gain insights from Rev. Dr. Samuel Zumwalt of St. Matthew’s Lutheran, Wilmington, NC, who will delve into the craft of preaching within the Lutheran tradition. His sessions will take a fresh and practical approach to understanding the profound responsibility of Christian preaching, encouraging pastors to refine their skills, reflect on the distinct privilege of proclaiming the message of Christ and Him crucified, and provide a new and refreshing approach to sermon preparation for Sunday services.

Keynote Speaker Presentations by The Rev. Dr. Samuel Zumwalt

Session 1: What is Lutheran Preaching?

Session 2: Preaching the Word of God as Conversation

Session 3: Preaching and Teaching Lutheran Identity

The Rev. Paul Hueter will serve as our Pastors’ Conference Chaplain

2024 Pastors' Conference Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

3:00 PM	Check-in begins at the Hampton Inn, Eagan MN
4:00 PM	Registration / Meet & Greet time at Calvary Lutheran Church
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner – Calvary Lutheran Church
6:35 PM	Worship – Calvary Lutheran Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30 AM	Doors open at Calvary Lutheran Church
9:00 AM	Devotions – Rev. Paul Hueter, Conference Chaplain
9:15 AM	First Presentation – Rev. Dr. Samuel Zumwalt What is Lutheran Preaching?
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Pinnacle Planning Group – Mr. Bryan Marker
11:00 AM	Paper/Presentation: Dr. Jordan Cooper – Christian Nationalism's Challenge to Lutheran Doctrine
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Second Presentation – Rev. Dr. Samuel Zumwalt Preaching the Word of God as Conversation
2:30 PM	Break
2:45 PM	Report from ALTS – Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins
3:15 PM	Free Time
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:35 PM	Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30 AM	Doors open at Calvary Lutheran Church
9:00 AM	Devotions – Rev. Paul Hueter, Conference Chaplain
9:15 AM	Third Presentation – Rev. Dr. Samuel Zumwalt Preaching and Teaching Lutheran Identity
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Text Study for the All Saints Sunday • Year B - Rev. Michael Badenhop
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Paper/Presentation: Pr. Tylan Dalrymple– Sharing the Gospel with Muslims
1:45 PM	Free Time
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:35 PM	Worship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 AM	Doors open at Calvary Lutheran Church
9:00 AM	Reformation Day Worship
10:00 AM	Report from the Presiding Pastor – Rev. Dr. Cary Larson
11:00 AM	Pastors' Conference ends