

Ethics in Lutheran Perspective

Orientation days: Sept. 13-16. Orientation Zoom Sept. 14 at 7 PM Central Time.

Sessions: Sept. 17 – Dec. 16, 2021

Course Schedule

After you have registered for the course you will be enrolled in the course site Friday Sept. 10. At that time you will receive login information and have access to the course website. These first few days are for you to browse the site and submit introductions to yourself in threaded discussion. **Tuesday Sept. 14 at 7:00 PM Central Time** you will have an **orientation** using Zoom video conferencing. Instructions are in the website. **Friday September 17** will mark the beginning of the course sessions.

Facilitator: The facilitator for this course is Pr. Adam Wutka. he has been serving ELCA congregations in central Kansas for the past sixteen years, currently at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend, KS. In addition to teaching in his own congregations, he has organized and taught in an area-wide Lutheran Confirmation ministry, taught Latin and basic electronics in the local homeschool co-op, has taught multiple classes to adult lay ministry students in his synod, and has previously facilitated several other Select Learning courses. Since 2020, Pastor Adam also serves part time on the staff of the Central States Synod as the director of Lay ministry, overseeing the synod's Parish Ministry Associate program.

Weekly course Flow:

Friday through Sunday

- Watch the lecture on DVD
- Post your reflections on the lecture by Sunday night
- Respond in threaded discussion to your small group's reflections on the reading material from earlier in the week

Monday through Thursday

- Read the assigned readings
- Post your reflections on the readings by Thursday night.
- Respond in threaded discussion to your small group's essays on the previous lecture.

Zoom calls: In sessions **5 and 9** you will have a live discussion via Zoom on **Tuesdays at 7 PM Central Time**. Those weeks you will have one less set of posting to do.

This flow keeps the class manageable for both participants and facilitator. Your postings are the way your show up to class. If you are not able to complete postings by the expected date please let your classmates know in the Joys and Concerns forum so that no one is worried.

Monday **Sept. 13** begin exploring website and providing introduction to yourself

Thursday **Sept. 16** complete postings on your introductions.

By Sunday **Sept. 19**

- post reflection on lecture **1. *Life in the Presence of God.***

By Thursday **Sept. 22**

- post reflections on readings for **Session 1**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 1** in your small group.

By Sunday **Sept. 26**

- post reflections on lecture **2. *God's Law***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 1** in your small group.

By Thursday **Sept. 30**

- post reflections on readings for **Session 2**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 2** in your small group.

By Sunday **Oct. 3**

- post reflections on lecture **3. *Human Nature: Created by God***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 2** in your small group

By Thursday **Oct. 7**

- post reflections on readings for **Session 3**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 3** in your small group.

By Sunday **Oct. 10**

- post reflections on lecture **4. *Human Nature: Fallen into Sin***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 3** in your small group.

By Thursday **Oct. 14**

- post reflections on readings for **Session 4**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 4** in your small group.

By Sunday **Oct. 17**

- post reflections on lecture **5. *The Authority of Scripture and Tradition***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 4** in your small group.
- **Zoom call on Tuesday at 7:00 PM Central Time.**

By Thursday **Oct. 21**

- post reflections on readings for **Session 5**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 5** in your small group.

By Sunday **Oct. 24**

- post reflections on lecture **6. *Experience and Reasoning as Sources of Authority***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 5** in your small group.

By Thursday **Oct. 28**

- post reflections on readings **for Session 6**
- respond to the lecture reflections for **Session 6** in your small group.

By Sunday **Oct. 31**

- post reflections on lecture **7. *Luther's Two Kingdoms***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 6** in your small group.

By Thursday **Nov. 4**

- post reflections on readings from **Session 7**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 7** in your small group.

By Sunday **Nov. 7**

- post reflections on lecture **8. *The Danger of Misinterpreting Luther's Two Kingdoms***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 7** in your small group.

By Thursday **Nov. 11**

- post reflections on readings from **Session 8**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 8** in your small group.

By Sunday **Nov.14**

- post reflections on lecture **9. *The Dynamics of Justification and Christian Freedom***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 8** in your small group.
- **Zoom call on Tuesday at 7:00 PM Central Time.**

By Thursday **Nov. 18**

- post reflections on readings from **Session 9**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 9** in your small group.

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By Sunday **Nov. 28**

- post reflections on lecture **10. *The Ethics of the Cross***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 9** in your small group.

By Thursday **Dec. 2**

- post reflections on readings from **Session 10**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 10** in your small group.

By Sunday **Dec. 5**

- post reflections on lecture **11. *Moral Deliberation in the Congregation***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 10** in your small group.

By Thursday **Dec. 9**

- post reflections on readings from **Session 11**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 11** in your small group.

By Sunday **Dec. 12**

- post reflections on lecture **12. *An Ethical Agenda for the Church***
- respond to the reading reflections from **Session 11**.

By Thursday **Dec. 16**

- post your reflections on readings on **Session 12**
- respond to the lecture reflections from **Session 12** in your small group.

Final Paper due Jan. 10