

A DOXOLOGY SEMINAR

Trinity Lutheran Church ✕ Davenport, Iowa
Saturday, August 28, 2021 ✕ 8:15 AM – 3:15 PM

Speaking up **Christian Confession in an Age of Sexual Confusion**

The new federal administration has reimposed government policies at odds with historic Judeo-Christian positions regarding abortion, marriage, sex and gender. More pressing than political matters is the wide spread confusion in American culture regarding sex, marriage and gender which greatly complicates Christian life and witness. This Seminar prepares Christians to advocate confidently, purposefully and positively for the biblical vision of human sexuality within their families and in the public square not merely on religious freedom grounds, but as a matter of common sense, compassion and human flourishing.

Presenters

Dr. Ryan T. Anderson

Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D., is the President of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and the Founding Editor of *Public Discourse*, the online journal of the Witherspoon Institute of Princeton, New Jersey.

He is the author of *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment* and *Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom*. He is the co-author of *What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense and Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination*, and the co-editor of *A Liberalism Safe for Catholicism? Perspectives from "The Review of Politics."* Anderson's research has been cited by two U.S. Supreme Court justices, Justice Samuel Alito and Justice Clarence Thomas, in two Supreme Court cases.

He received his bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University, graduating *Phi Beta Kappa* and *magna cum laude*, and he received his doctoral degree in political philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. His dissertation was titled: "Neither Liberal Nor Libertarian: A Natural Law Approach to Social Justice and Economic Rights."

Anderson has made appearances on ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, and Fox News. His work has been published by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, the *Harvard Health Policy Review*, the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*, *First Things*, the *Claremont Review of Books*, and *National Review*.

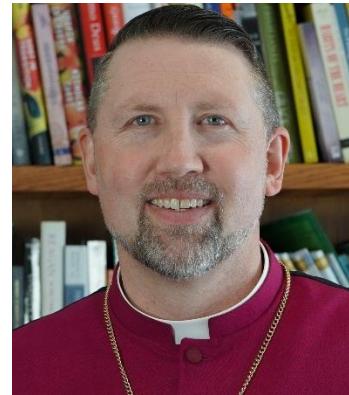
He is the John Paul II Teaching Fellow in Social Thought at the University of Dallas, a member of the James Madison Society at Princeton University, and a Fellow of the Institute for Human Ecology at the Catholic University of America.



Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford

Lucas V. Woodford, MDiv, STM, DMin is President of the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Farmington, MN.

Pastor Woodford is the author of *Great Commission, Great Confusion, or Great Confession?* (Wipf & Stock, 2012). He is co-author with Harold Senkbeil of *Pastoral Leadership: for the Care of Souls* (2nd ed Lexham Press, 2021) and their book on contextual mission, *Culture of the Word*, is forthcoming from Lexham in 2022. He has written numerous articles published in *The Lutheran Witness*, *Logia* and *Seelsorger*.



Woodford is a member of the Board of Regents of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. He has served as an adjunct instructor for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN and the Institute of Lutheran Theology in Brookings, SD.

Dr. Woodford is a Fellow in the Collegium of DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, charged with research, writing and speaking regarding the care of souls in the contemporary context. He is a frequently invited presenter on matters related to soul care, missiology, marriage, sex and gender issues.

Program, Saturday, August 28, 2021

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM Matins

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM *Making the Case for Man-Woman Marriage* Dr. Anderson

What is marriage? How can we defend it today? Any assessment of what “marriage equality” demands depends on first determining what marriage is—what sort of relationships must be treated as essentially the same. This session defends the principle that marriage, as a comprehensive union ordered to family life, requires a man and a woman. It highlights the great social benefits of enshrining this principle in law. And it points to the legal consequences of redefining marriage in law.

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Q&A Dr. Anderson

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM *Biology Isn’t Bigotry: Responding to the Transgender Moment* Dr. Anderson

Can a boy truly be “trapped” in a girl’s body? Can modern medicine really “reassign” sex? Is sex something “assigned” in the first place? What’s the loving response to a friend or child experiencing a gender-identity conflict? What should our law say on these issues? Drawing on the best insights from biology, psychology, and philosophy, this session offers answers to all of these questions while providing a nuanced vision of human embodiment and a sober and honest survey of the human costs of getting human nature wrong.

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Q&A Dr. Anderson

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM *Beyond Religious Liberty: Being Heard Today* Dr. Anderson

The Supreme Court redefined marriage and now it seems the Biden administration is redefining sex and gender. What all does this mean for the law and public policy? Yes, religious liberty will be threatened, but

so too will privacy, safety, equality, and good medicine--not to mention a harmful ideology now has the backing of law. What does this mean for how we raise our children and how we interact with our neighbors? This session offers practical guidance on how you can respond.

12:15 PM – 12:30 AM **Q&A**

Dr. Anderson

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM **Lunch**

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM ***Speak up! Promoting Sexual Virtue and Biblical identity from Generation to Generation***

Rev. Dr. Woodford

We live in a world that has lost its story. People are trying to make sense of the chaos, asking: “Who am I? Where do I come from?” Explicit sexuality is the new norm. Marriage has been redefined. The transgender madness is pressing down upon us. Countless people who no longer know their place in life, in marriage, in a family or in eternity have been sexually wounded and defiled. It’s imperative that parents, grandparents, pastors and church workers regularly, openly and naturally teach the biblical narrative of sex and marriage from creation through the fall, to the new creation. This session will equip you to speak up concerning the hope you have as those baptized into God’s story and given a new and holy identity in Christ. You will learn how to champion sexuality as a holy calling rooted in the relationship of Jesus and His church. From generation to generation, we need to regain clarity on what it means to be male and female, husband and wife, father and mother as revealed in our Lord’s Word of creation, redemption, and sanctification. Come see how God’s plan of salvation is played out in the family and in the Holy Christian Church, which is the bride of Christ.

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM **Round Table Discussion**

Dr. Anderson & Rev. Dr. Woodford

The presenters will field questions from the audience.

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM **Prayer for Travelers**

Registration

- Registration available at www.doxology.us
- Cost: \$15 (\$8 for High School, College, and Seminary students) includes registration, conference materials, lunch and refreshments. (Lunch is guaranteed to those who register by August 16.)
- Pastors can register for both Saturday's seminar and Friday's preconference for \$15.
- First come first served; register NOW for this timely seminar.

**Pastors: There is a Friday pre-conference available to you.
See information about it [here](#).**