

A DOXOLOGY SEMINAR

Trinity Lutheran Church ☒ Davenport, Iowa
Saturday, August 12, 2023 ☒ 8:15 AM – 3:15 PM

Free to Die:
The Martyrs as Our Christian Heroes

Presenters

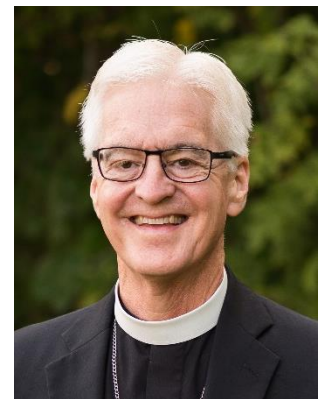


Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is pastor of St. Paul and Jesus Deaf Lutheran Churches in Austin, TX. He is the author of *Take Them Our Life: Martin Luther's Theology of Martyrdom* (2019), *A Martyr's Faith for a Faithless World* (CPH, 2019), *Has American Christianity Failed?* (CPH, 2016) and *Final Victory: Contemplating the Death and Funeral of a Christian* (CPH, 2010). He is host of [What-Not, The Podcast](#), posts videos on YouTube at [wolfmueller1](#), and has a number of other theological projects that all end up on his blog, [www.wolfmueller.co](#). Bryan is a member of the Doxology Collegium. He and his wife Keri live with their four children in Round Rock, TX.

Rev. David Fleming

Pastor Fleming is DOXOLOGY's Executive Director for Spiritual Care and a Collegium Fellow. He remains a part time pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI where he served as Senior Pastor from 1993-2019. He previously served in Warrenville, IL, a Chicago suburb, and is a 1986 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He serves on the Concordia University Wisconsin Board of Regents. Rev. Fleming co-wrote "God's Love at Christmas", the 2010 Advent-Christmas resource from Concordia Publishing House. David and his wife, Jo Marie, née Wunderlich, have three children and three granddaughters.



Program, Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM **Matins**

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM ***They Did Not Love their Lives unto Death*** Rev. Wolfmueller

What does the fear of death have to do with Spiritual warfare? How should the Christian think about suffering and death? We'll look at the Bible passages that strengthened the martyrs as they faced the tyrants and the grave. (Hebrews 2, Revelation 12)

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **Q & A**

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM **Break**

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM ***The Greatest Martyr Ever to Live*** Rev. Wolfmueller

We'll consider the man who Luther considered the "greatest martyr ever to live": Noah! He suffered 120 years of ridicule and mockery for preaching the righteousness of God. How do we live as holy people in a filthy world? (2 Peter 2)

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Q & A**

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Break**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ***Hope*** Rev. Wolfmueller

We walk through this dark world with joy and hope. How? How can we maintain a joyful spirit, a light heart in the midst of so much heaviness? We'll look at Luther's favorite martyrs: Agnes and Agatha, and let these two Christian martyrs teach us how to skip to the grave.

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM **Lunch**

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM ***Fighting the Good Fight: Holding Faith and a Good Conscience*** Rev. Fleming

Our success in the daily battle against Satan, the world, and our sinful flesh, is full reliance on what Christ has done for us and how He looks at us. (2 Timothy 1 and Ephesians 6).

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM **Discussion** Rev. Wolfmueller & Rev. Fleming

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

Registration

- Registration available at www.doxology.us
- Cost: \$20 (\$10 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 \$20 total.
- First come first served; register NOW for this timely seminar.

Pastors: There is a Friday Pre-Conference available to you. See below.

Friday Pre-Conference for Pastors

Trinity Lutheran Church ✕ Davenport, Iowa

Friday, August 11, 2023 ✕ 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Take They our Life: Luther's Theology of Martyrdom

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Program

How does Luther's reflection on the martyrs inform our pastoral care?

Schedule, Friday, August 11, 2023

1:00	Prayer at Noonday
1:15	Welcome and introductions
1:30	<i>Part 1</i>
2:30	Break
2:45	<i>Part 2</i>
3:45	Break
4:00	<i>Part 3</i>
5:00	Q & A
5:15	Prayer for Travelers

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