

Κηρυξάτε το Ευαγγέλιον

Syllabus for:

Preaching Christ from the Old Testament

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

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Course Description

This course will make participants more aware of the various ways in which Christ unfolds in the writings of the Old Testament (through direct prophecy, types, prophecy with intermediate fulfillment and episodes from redemptive history) and will cause them to grow in their ability to identify references to Christ and to communicate these insights about Christ to their hearers in meaningful ways. The course will make participants aware of recent resources that can improve their Hebrew skills and that will help them to interpret Old Testament texts. The instructor will guide participants through all the steps of sermon writing from text study to finished sermon. Participants will have opportunity to share insights gained along the way with the members of the class as well as glean insights from classmates as their class sermon takes shape.

Course Objectives

Under God's blessing, participants will:

1. Develop their own unique strategy for improving Hebrew skills.
2. Discover resources that will make it easier to find links between various texts of Scripture thus facilitating the process of letting Scripture interpret Scripture.
3. Become more adept at discovering how Christ is related to an Old Testament text rather than trying to "import" him into a text in a forced way.
4. Improve their ability to express Christological truths in the language of today.
5. Learn how to glean illustrations, imagery, figures of speech, etc. from a biblical text for use in a sermon in order to strengthen the sermon's message in a natural way.

Course Outline

- Participants will read *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament* by Sidney Greidanus before the course begins to review the history and methodology of preaching Christ from Old Testament texts and to prepare for class discussions.
- Participants will receive a brief review of biblical Hebrew on the basis of Miles Van Pelt's *Biblical Hebrew: A Compact Guide*.
- Each participant will choose two Old Testament texts on which to prepare sermons (one to be written the week of the class and the other to be written and presented to his congregation sometime in the future).
- He will prepare a text study, outline and written sermon on one of the texts for the week of class, sharing insights with the members of the class each day as his sermon progresses.

Required books: *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (electronic or hard copy)

Novum Testamentum Graece (Nestle-Aland) or *The Greek New Testament* (UBS)

Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Method by Sidney Greidanus (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1999)

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”
1 Peter 1:10-11

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