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Presentation with
Rev. Dr. Alina
Gayeuski

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Beyond the Stained Glass Ceiling

Women Clergy in a Still-Patriarchal Church

In *Beyond the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Clergy in a Still-Patriarchal Church*, Rev. Dr. Alina Gayeuski lifts the veil on a long-ignored reality: though women have been ordained in many Protestant denominations for decades, they continue to face deep structural barriers within church leadership. Through intimate stories, theological reflection, and feminist critique, Gayeuski names the “benevolent patriarchy” that masks ongoing exclusion, challenges the status quo, and imagines a church where all can flourish.

Presenter



Alina Gayeuski is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She serves as part of the clergy team at Reformation Lutheran Church in Media, PA – a southwest suburb of Philadelphia.

Alina holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Women’s Studies from Susquehanna University, a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary), and a Doctor of Ministry from United Lutheran Seminary.

Her husband, Daniel Smith, is also a pastor and a PhD student at Georgetown University. They are proud cat parents to Luna and Rory.

Alina is a member of Young Clergy Women International and former board chair. She is proud to serve on the boards of Bear Creek Camp, the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, the Stewardship of Life Institute, and the United Lutheran Seminary Alumni Association.

She is passionate about iced coffee, *Grey’s Anatomy*, and true crime shows.

