

# PREACHING THE PARADOX: A FESTIVAL OF LUTHERAN PROCLAMATION

This inaugural festival at ULS Gettysburg is an invitation for preachers to step away from the weekly grind and into a week shaped by worship, conversation, and shared reflection on the strange and life-giving work of proclaiming the gospel.

At the heart of the week is daily worship and preaching in the seminary chapel, grounding us again in the paradox we preach: law and gospel, death and resurrection, despair and promise. Alongside worship, the festival will offer practical workshops meant to add tools to the preacher's kit, exploring topics like faithfully preaching on demons, creation, and centering the sermon within the whole of worship.



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**Location: Gettysburg Campus, ULS  
61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg PA  
Cost: \$500 (includes program and  
meals); hotels available at discounted  
rates. To register, [click here](#) or use QR  
code in next panel.**

**Registration deadline: August 1, 2026.**



## PREACHERS



Rev. Carrie Ballenger,  
University Lutheran Church,  
Cambridge, MA



Rev. Hank Langknecht,  
Christ the King Lutheran  
Church, Great Falls, VA



Rev. Dr. Kevin Vandiver,  
Senior Pastor of  
Reformation Lutheran  
Church, Washington DC



Rev. Sarah Garrett-Krey,  
Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church,  
Arnold, MD



Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood,  
Dean at United Lutheran  
Seminary

## SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. Carmelo Santos, Director  
for Theological Diversity and  
Ecumenical & Interreligious  
Engagement for the ELCA



Rev. Dr. Reed Carlson, Assistant  
Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old  
Testament at Suwanee School of  
Theology



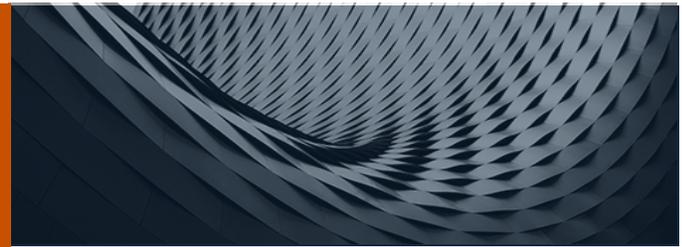
Rev. Victoria Larson, PhD candidate  
at Duke Divinity School in Liturgics,  
founder of Barn Geese Worship



Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera, Professor of  
Theology and Ethics, United  
Lutheran Seminary



Rev. Micah Krey, Pastor at St.  
Martin's Lutheran Church,  
Annapolis MD



## GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Whether you are new to ministry or decades into preaching, this festival is an opportunity to renew imagination, deepen trust in the gospel, and remind us that God is still at work through the spoken word.

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