



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2023 Fall Theological Conference

Holiday Inn & Suites Airport
2040 W. Russell St., Sioux Falls, SD

Keynote Speaker: Jason Moore

In the liturgy of ordination, those called to rostered ministry commit, and ask God's help, to preach, teach, and nourish God's people with the word. We receive a stole as a sign of being obedient to Jesus and the responsibility entrusted to us. This call to ministry is one of serving the word.

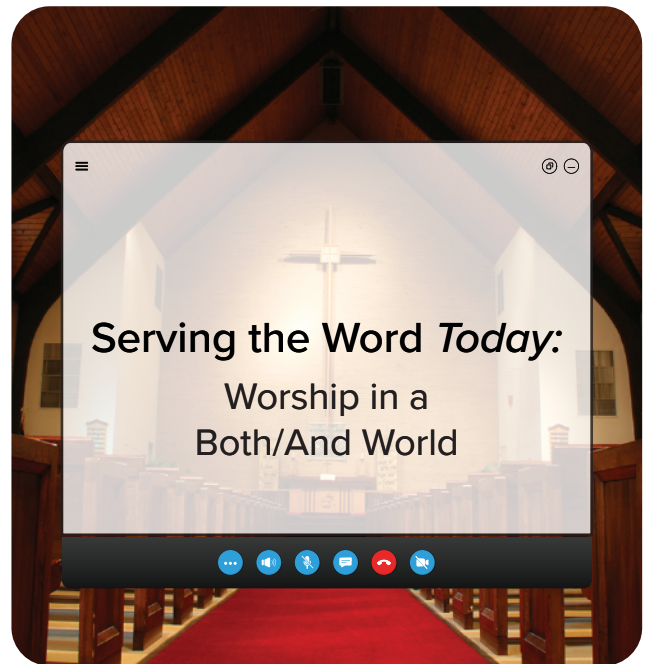
This ministry then involves "serving-up" the word in worship through liturgy, preaching, and sacraments, in teaching, visitation, prayer, and conversation. We are called, as it were, to deliver the word to others

In the past three years, however, the opportunities and means of serving the word have changed significantly. It is in-person. And it is online. It is both/and. And as Lutherans, we embrace our heritage of "both/and" theology. Saint/sinner. Law/gospel. Free/bound.

When Jason Moore's presentations on communication, worship, and church hospitality started circulating this year, he caught our attention. We spoke with him to learn more about what he means by both/and. We heard his theological perspective for in-person and online worship, reasons for continuing both in-the-building and online worship, ideas for repurposing in-person homework to reach people online, and thinking about what creates warmth and hospitality for people online and in-person. Wherever you are in this brave new world – longing for your old typewriter & cassette player or producing your own services – this Fall Theological Conference will help all of us think seriously about the "why" for our call to serve the word and share the story of the love of Jesus with ever-expanding circles of people who long to hear good news!

So come! Gather with friends you haven't met yet, and those who are familiar. Come to Sioux Falls, October 8-10, 2023 for the SW MN Synod's Fall Theological Conference and explore what it means to be people who embrace the "Both/And" of in person and online community, and what that means for our congregations and us as leaders in the church. Speaker, Jason Moore of Midnight Oil Productions, will help us explore the theological and practical implications of in-person and online worship and hospitality.

We look forward to learning and growing together as people who serve the Word in this new time today.



SUNDAY:

4:30-6:30 p.m. – On Site Registration

6:30 – Welcome and Introductions

7:00 – Session 1 – Jason Moore

8:15 – Break

8:30 – Evening Prayer

Social time. Snacks provided. Cash beverage service available until 10:30pm.

MONDAY:

Breakfast on your own in the hotel or elsewhere.

8:45 a.m. – Session 2 – Jason Moore

9:45 – Break. Coffee and snacks available
(pastries, hard-boiled eggs, avocado toast)

10:00 – Session 2 – Jason Moore, *continued*

11:00 – Synod Ministries

12:00 – Lunch – Gourmet Fajita Bar

12:45 – Bishop's Time

2:00 – Free Time

TUESDAY:

Breakfast on your own in the hotel or elsewhere.

9:00 a.m. – Session 3 – Jason Moore

10:00 – Break. Coffee and Snacks Available
(pastries, hard-boiled eggs, avocado toast)

10:15 – Session 3 – Jason Moore, *continued*

10:45 – Table Talk

11:15 – Conclusion

11:30 – Service of Holy Communion

Conference ends following Worship