



Rev. Eric Andrae

The Rev. Eric R. Andrae has been the campus pastor and outreach minister at First Trinity Lutheran Church and Luther House student center in Pittsburgh since February 2001. He is the President of the International Giertz Society, and has been published in numerous journals and books in North America and Europe on a variety of topics. He is the editor of and main contributor to the anthology *A Hammer for God: Bo Giertz*. He has also served the church-at-large in various ways, including as chaplain at two recent national LCMSU campus ministry conferences (2015, 2017) and as a floor committee member to the national LCMS convention (2013). Locally, he has served on the board of the Pregnancy Care Centers. A much sought-after and appreciated speaker, he has lectured, given presentations, and been interviewed at conferences, on campus, on local and national radio, and throughout the Church among Christians and non-Christians, students and academics, theologians and laity, both in North America and Scandinavia, on diverse themes. In summer 1998 he was a visiting research scholar at Uppsala University in his native Sweden. In 2003 he earned his STM from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with a thesis on Pastoral Care in Giertz.

The Atheist Who Became a Bishop—Bo Giertz Is a Unique, Broad, and Deep Voice North Americans Need to Hear

Bo Giertz (1905–1998) served as a rural parish pastor, occasional preacher to the royal court, bishop of the Gothenburg diocese in the Church of Sweden, Vice President of the Lutheran World Federation, and prolific author on every subject imaginable. It would be no overstatement to say that Giertz—in productivity, accessibility of style, and influence—is the Swedish, pastoral, confessional Lutheran parallel to C.S. Lewis. Giertz's works include *The Hammer of God*, *The Message of the Church in a Time of Crisis*, *Preaching from the Whole Bible*, *To Live with Christ*, *Christ's Church*, *The Knights of Rhodes*, *Then Fell the Lord's Fire*, *With My Own Eyes*, and *A Year of Grace*. In a churchwide survey in 1999, he was named the most influential Swedish churchman of the 20th century, surpassing such international luminaries as Nathan Söderblom, Gustaf Aulén, Gustaf Wingren, and Anders Nygren. In his vision for the Church, Giertz integrated the vibrancy of doctrinal orthodoxy, the reverence of the traditional high-church liturgy, and the warmth of a sincere low-church piety into a harmonious and unique whole, often synthesizing elements usually thought to be contradicting. This course will sketch the man and pastor, while focusing and merging his views on ecclesiology, pietism, Law and Gospel, the office of the ministry, preaching, *Seelsorge*/pastoral care, the atonement, and more, as well as engaging significant primary source material as yet untranslated.

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