

Updated Spring Course for Our Savior's Lutheran

April 12, 19, 26, and May 3

“PEOPLE OF THE RESISTANCE: FOLLOWING JESUS IN TIMES SUCH AS THIS:

Led by Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse and Rev. Dr. Michael Trice

Session One: “The Threat of Christian Nationalism: Competing Visions for Christianity in America”

Session Two: “Faith and Civic Life: What Happens When Our Core Values Are Under Attack?”

Session Three: “How We Lead Matters: Cruelty and Beauty in Our Common Life” (Michael Trice)

Session Four: “Courageous Discipleship in Action: What Does it Mean to be a Person of Faith and a Member of the Resistance?”

SOME KEY RESOURCES:

ELCA 2025 Social Statement on “Faith and Civic Life”

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Letters and Papers from Prison by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Jesus and Nonviolence by Walter Wink

On Freedom by Timothy Snyder

On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

The Seven Mountains Mandate: Exposing the Dangerous Plan to Christianize America and Destroy Democracy by Matthew Boedy

Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism by Beau Underwood and Brian Kaylor

The Bible According to Christian Nationalists: Exploiting Scripture for Political Power by Brian Kaylor

Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird

American Christian Nationalism: Neither American nor Christian by Michael Austin

Kingdom of Rage: Rise of Christian Nationalism and the Threat to Democracy by Elizabeth Neuman

The Violent Take It by Force: The Christian Movement Threatening Democracy by Matthew D. Taylor

Separation of Church and Hate: The Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds by John Fugelsang

Money, Lies, and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy by Katherine Stewart

Defending Democracy from Its Christian Enemies by David P. Gushee

How to End Christian Nationalism by Amanda Tyler

1. Evangelicals and the Problem with a Vertical Theology*

***Horizontal Theology:** Traditional Christians such as Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Reformed Tradition have an ethos of justice that includes helping those in need, standing with the oppressed and those on the margin, etc.