



Spiritual Life Retreat Center | Wichita, Kansas | January 9-10, 2023

Theme: "Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Confession, Courage, and Love"

Presenter: Rev. Paul Dare – Zion Lutheran – Alexandria, MN

Rev. Dare will have books available for purchase at a discounted price.



Sunday, January 8

- 3:00 p.m. Registration opens
Dinner on your own
- 6:00 p.m. Circuit Visitors & Region Vice-Presidents meet
- 7:30 p.m. Compline (LSB p. 253)
- 8:00 p.m. Beer & Wine Social

Monday, January 9

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Matins (LSB p. 219)
- 9:30 a.m. **Topic I – Part One** **Rev. Paul Dare**

Topic I - A Christian Understanding of Cultural Marxism: Its Origins, Goals and Language.

Why is our world more divided than ever? Why do people seem to want to be victims? What is this new vocabulary: systematic racism, woke, social justice and privilege? In this section we will examine the Cultural Marxist understanding of life, injustice, and oppression in the light of Scripture. We will pay special attention to its impact on the Christian conscience. While Christians and Cultural Marxists may see the same problems, we have different and even incompatible understandings of the cause of those problems and their solutions.

- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. **Topic I – Part Two** **Rev. Paul Dare**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Responsive Prayer 1 (LSB p. 282)
- 1:30 p.m. **Topic II – Part One** **Rev. Paul Dare**

Topic II - A Woke World of Racial Strife and Confusion

Racism is sinful. But do you know what it means to be a racist? Is it racist to believe that it is good that college football returned after covid? Some people think so. Why is this? In this section we will seek to understand how Cultural Marxism has confused and co-opted society's understanding of race and racism, invented new terms, changed definitions, and silenced discussion to the harm of all people. We will then discuss this emotional topic in the light of Scripture.

- 2:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:00 p.m. **Topic II – Part Two** **Rev. Paul Dare**
- 4:15 p.m. Vespers (LSB p. 229)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Tuesday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Matins (LSB p. 219)
- 9:30 a.m. **Topic III** **Rev. Paul Dare**

Topic III - A Call to Courage, Confession and Love

"Wokeness," as it is sometimes called, is the predominant ideology of the day. This ideology uses "nice" words. It claims to be for justice and the oppressed but, in truth, it is loveless and no friend of the Christian and Christian Church. What is a Christian to do? In this section we will enter Scripture and hear God's call to courage, confession and love that finds its home in Jesus Christ and Him crucified for all people.

10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Wrap Up / Q & A / Itinerarium / Responsive Prayer 2
(LSB p. 285; Rev. Justin Panzer)



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Paul Dare

Rev. Dare has served as a parish pastor for more than 20 years. With a love of Christian education for all ages and an engaging style of teaching, leading Bible studies are the highlight of his work week. He has been published in *Doxology Magazine* “Escaping Satan’s Funhouse: Believing the Truth in the Care of Disordered Souls” and is currently writing a book on Church Discipline as part of the *Lexham Ministry Guides* series. Rev. Dare has been featured in a series of interviews on the national podcast **Issues, Etc.** regarding Christians living in a woke world, and has been invited to speak at multiple conferences. He currently serves as Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Alexandria, MN. Rev. Dare is happily married with three children.