



**Theme: “How the Church’s Divine Pedagogy Invites
Conversation with Those Who Disagree with Us.”**

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall – Concordia, Chicago

Redeemer Lutheran
2700 Lawrence Ave
Lawrence, KS 66047
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The Church's divine pedagogy must guide Lutheran academics. Join Dr. Kendall as he talks about the critical themes that make a Lutheran education distinct. He will discuss the fundamentals that are embedded in the Church's theology and practice that must be evident in a Lutheran education in order to shape students for a life of faith and virtue. He will also introduce an ancient form of apologetic called Protreptics. This approach invites a conversation with people who may have divergent philosophies of life.

Sunday, February 1

Dinner on your own

6:00 p.m. Circuit Visitors & Region Vice-Presidents meet @ Redeemer
7:30 p.m. Compline (LSB p. 253), *open to everyone*
8:00 p.m. Free Evening

Monday, February 2

Breakfast at the hotel
8:00 a.m. Registration opens @ Redeemer
8:30 a.m. Matins (LSB p. 219)
9:00 a.m. Session 1: First Things: The Need for Liturgy and Ritual
10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Session 2: Divine Pedagogy: Identifying the Necessary Pieces for Conversation
11:30 a.m. Lunch – on your own
1:30 p.m. Responsive Prayer 1 (LSB p. 282)
2:00 p.m. Session 3: Protreptics: What it is
3:15 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. Vespers (LSB p. 229)
4:00 p.m. Dinner on your own/Free evening
7:00 p.m. Presentation of Our Lord, *Divine Service @ Redeemer (TBD)*

Tuesday, February 3

Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 a.m. Matins (LSB p. 219)
9:00 a.m. Session 4: Protreptics, part 2
10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m.

Session 5: Scripture and Protreptics

12:00 p.m.

Wrap Up / Q & A / Itinerarium / Responsive Prayer 2 (p. 285)
(LSB p. 285; Rev. Justin Panzer)



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall

Dr. Kendall serves as the Assistant Vice President of Mission and Identity and Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. He served as a pastor for twenty years. Dr. Kendall was Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa, from 2002–2008. He then served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowell, Indiana, from 2008–2020. He came to St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois, in 2020, where he served as Associate Pastor. Dr. Kendall served as an adjunct professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, from 2015–2021, teaching in the deaconess program. Dr. Kendall graduated

with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 2002. He would go on to get a Ph.D. in missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. In 2021, Dr. Kendall had a chapter included in a book in honor of Dr. William Weinrich titled, *One of the Holy Trinity Suffered for Us: Essays in Honor of William C. Weinrich*. His chapter is titled, “No Longer Ἑθνη: Paul’s Use of the Old Testament in 1 Corinthians.” In addition, he has written articles in *The Lutheran Witness* and *For the Life of the World*. Dr. Kendall currently serves on the *Unity and Civility Committee*, which has the task of helping build courses for Concordia University Chicago. In addition, he served as the chair of the Northern Illinois District Taskforce on Multiethnic Mission and Ministry. He continues to teach continuing education courses for church workers at Concordia Theological Seminary. He is married to Stacie (31 years), and they have two children and a grandson.

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