

Keynote Presentation I:

“That the Holy Gospel may have free course”: The History and Theology of Lutheran Liturgy

The historic Lutheran liturgy was simultaneously the most conservative and most radical of the reforms of Christian liturgy to emerge from the sixteenth century reformations, Protestant or Roman Catholic. This presentation explores Lutheran liturgical reforms in comparison with their contemporary alternatives in Strasbourg, Geneva, Canterbury, and Rome, centered on Luther’s focus on the proclamation and application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its manifold forms—preached, sung, and sacramental.