

Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to announce we will have visiting professor Clint McCann from Eden Seminary to lead a Sunday morning adult education class!

**THE BOOK OF PSALMS AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Faith Lutheran Church, O'Fallon, IL

April 24 and May 1, 8, & 15, 2022

Clint McCann, Instructor

- Sun., April 24**            **Introduction to the Psalter and Its Theological Heart: The Pursuit of Happiness and Justice for All**  
Psalms 1-2, 72, 82, 96, 98
- Sun., May 1**            **The Voice of Prayer: "The Agony and the Ecstasy Belong Together at the Secret of Our Identity" (quote from James L. Mays)**  
Psalms 3, 13, 22, 31
- Sun., May 15**           **The Voice of Praise: "Let Everything that Breathes Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6)**  
Psalms 8, 100, 117, 148, 150
- Sun., May 22**           **The Voice of Trust: "For You Are With Me" (Psalm 23:4)**  
Psalms 23, 46, 73

**Description:** Contemporary theologian David Tracy defines theology as thinking about religion culturally and thinking about culture religiously. These sessions on the Psalms will be explicitly theological – that is, a primary purpose will be to put the messages of the Psalms in conversation with the messages that we regularly receive from contemporary culture. What results is a marked contrast between the faith of the psalmists and the commitments and dreams that typically motivate most North Americans. What is at stake is nothing less than how we define and pursue happiness, and thus what constitutes meaning in our daily lives as individuals, families, and churches. In other words, what is ultimately at stake is the nature of Christian discipleship.

**Instructor:** Clint McCann is the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. Much of his scholarly work has focused on the Book of Psalms. He is the author of numerous essays on the Psalms and several books, including *A Theological Introduction to the Book of Psalms: The Psalms as Torah* (Abingdon Press, 1993); the Psalms commentary in *The New Interpreter's Bible, Vol. 4* (Abingdon, 1996); *Great Psalms of the Bible* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009); and *Psalms: Immersion Bible Studies* (Abingdon, 2011). In terms of ELCA connections, Clint has written approximately 40 interpretive essays for Working Preacher, a resource provided by Luther Seminary (see [www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)). He is a Teaching Elder (Ordained Minister) in the Presbyterian Church (USA); he is Co-chair of the International Executive Board of IPM (International Partners in Mission, which was founded

by Lutherans!); and he is an Associate Member of the Iona Community, which is based on the Isle of Iona and in Glasgow, Scotland and which is committed to the pursuit of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.