

Sermon Sources and Preaching Resources

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The websites listed below have been suggested for use by students in the Parish Ministry Associates program as they begin to undertake preaching. Many of these sites are suitable for lay leaders to consult when assisting their congregation with pulpit supply coverage. Some are resources for preparing sermons. Others are dependable sources of sermons that can be shared, whether manuscripts to read or videos to show. Websites that require a subscription or charge a fee are marked with an asterisk (*). Sundays and Seasons on-line is a subscription that your congregation might already be utilizing for worship planning. Ask for the user name and password so that you can access it. These websites offer comments, commentary, illustrations, study of text/translations, provide insights and illustrations.

SERMON PREPARATION & SERMONS

Working Preacher

By Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

www.workingpreacher.org

Currents in Theology & Mission

By Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Wartburg Theological Seminary. Register, then go to Preaching Helps.

www.currentsjournal.org

The Text This Week

www.textweek.com

***Sermonwriter**

www.sermonwriter.com

***Sunday and Seasons**

By Augsburg Fortress/1517 Media. A variety of commentary and creative ideas.

www.sundaysandseasons.com

Center for Excellence in Preaching

www.cep.calvinseminary.edu

***Sermon Spice**

Videos to illustrate your sermon, not be your sermon. Not all videos are in sync with Lutheran theology. Fee per video.

www.sermonspice.com

***Homiletics**

Online magazine and archives with extensive notes, sermon ideas for lectionary preachers, illustrations. Index is searchable by texts and topics. Some interesting prayers and litanies for worship; not all are suitable for ELCA.

www.homileticonline.org

A Sermon for Every Sunday

Downloadable video of a sermon by pastors from ELCA and its full communion partners, and other preachers. Endorsed by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church. Free.

www.asermonforeverysunday.com

Sermons That Work

Downloadable printed lectionary-based sermons from Episcopal Church preachers. Free.

www.episcopalchurch.org/sermons-that-work

Exegetical Notes by Brian Stoffregen www.crossmarks.com

This pastor has offered high quality commentary on the Sunday readings for years. Excellent source of background material for creating your own sermon.

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Local/Cluster Text Study groups

Ask your local ELCA pastor when and where they gather for text study with the ELCA preachers in your area.

BIBLE STUDY/REFERENCE RESOURCES

Bible Tutor

www.bibletutorial.com

You will be able to access the “basic” program without any fee. For more information, check out the website and/or contact Select Learning. The advanced version is at <http://www.bibletutorial.com/level2/program/start/bible.htm>.

Enter the Bible

www.enterthebible.org

A great resource for bible knowledge and study from Luther Seminary. Free and easy access to a lot of information. “**Enter the Bible is for you!** It was designed to help you to understand what you read and explore the stories, people and places in the Bible. And because it was written by Luther Seminary faculty you can trust what you read!”

BLOGS

Personal taste in blogs varies greatly. These are blogs enjoyed by a few ELCA pastors known to Pastor Steve and Pastor Carol. They may not represent perspectives aligned with ELCA theology, so review them carefully.

Left Behind and Loving It (Living as if God’s steadfast love really does endure forever)

LitLiturgy

Pulpit Fiction