

Life Week 2023 Day 6 Speaker Info

Blessed from the Beginning – The Self-Evident Proposition: Christ the Life, Christ the Norm – "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..." Many, many of our neighbors and elected officials deny that the Right to Life is self-evident. In opposition to Jefferson, to the 1776 Congress, and to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, they promote instead an inhuman right to death, an insurgency against our country's authoritative texts. Meanwhile, the Self-Evident Proposition remains self-evident. But we live in a time of death on demand. A 21st-century abolition of the human being dominates the national landscape. There is one effective response: Preaching and teaching the Divine Authority of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, the ultimate Authority that animates the Declaration.

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Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana) and in philosophy (Ph.D. from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin). He has been recognized as a Top Ten Professor and also as an "Upper Tier Professor for the Integration of Faith and Learning" by CUW, where he teaches various courses, including courses in ethics, bioethics, philosophy of language, Christ and Culture, medieval philosophy, and much more. He is a founding professor of the university's innovative Great Texts Pathway curriculum. Currently, he is suspended and under threat of termination for writing

and publishing against the Wokeism at his Lutheran university as a Marxist and anti-biblical ideology. Dr. Schulz is active in academic, church, and community service, including DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, where he is Senior Faculty Lecturer, since 2008. An outspoken advocate of philosophy for seminary students and pastors, Pastor Schulz teaches Mission Communication at Fort Wayne, where he has taught in the seminary's Ph.D. program since 2008. He is also contributing editor to *LOGIA: A Journal of Lutheran Theology*.

He retired in 2018 after twenty-two years of service as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force's Civil Air Patrol, where he flew as aircrew for search and rescue; taught aerospace education and USAF core values and moral leadership; served as the innovative, award-winning Wisconsin Wing Director of Professional Development (2010-2013); and was the decorated Director of the highly successful Great Lakes Region Staff College at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio (2014-2018). Professor Schulz has lectured and presented academic papers at major universities stateside and in Canada; also at Oxford, Cambridge, and the University of Hertfordshire in the U.K.; in Hong Kong and in mainland China; and at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He has published articles and reviews on various theological and philosophical topics in professional and academic journals. He is the editor of the CD The Problem of Suffering: Companion and Resource featuring a substantial six-week Bible study on suffering, with student questions and a leader's annotated guide, as well as articles, sermons, an annotated bibliography and commentaries on suffering, grieving and lamenting. On sabbatical in 2015, he taught and lectured at Cambridge University and at The Lutheran Seminary in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. His current projects include a free mOOC titled "Philosophy KATA CHRISTON: A Pastor's Introduction to Philosophy," at http://onlineinfo.cuw.edu/qo/philosophy- mooc; a popular blog column, "Ten Master Metaphors for Philosophy" at www. whatdoesthismean.org; extended online interviews with Pr. Bryan Wolfmueller; a book on Christ and bioethics, The Fellowship of His Sufferings: Four Briefings on the Insurgency of Death on Demand and the Counterinsurgency of Pastoral Care (forthcoming); a modest number of book chapters; and curricula for pastors who are graduates of the DOXOLOGY program, "Pastoral Care in Our After-Word World" (2020) and "The Fellowship of His Sufferings" (2021). He teaches a biennial course in Medieval Philosophy at Westfield House in Cambridge (currently on hold because of pandemic policies).

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