

2026 Southern Pastors Conference Indiana District—LCMS

Monday – Wednesday, May 4 – May 6, 2026 (Six Sessions)



Speaker: The Rev. Jacob Hercamp

Jacob Hercamp is a native of northern Jackson County, Indiana, and a son of St. John's Lutheran Church, White Creek. Jacob graduated from Trinity Lutheran High School in 2007. He graduated from Indiana University before beginning study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He was blessed to stick around for an STM in Old Testament Exegetical Theology, and was called to St. Peter Lutheran Church, La Grange, MO, in 2017. After 6 years of service at St. Peter, Jacob was called to Christ Lutheran Church, Noblesville, IN.

Jacob is blessed to be married to Emily, and the Lord has blessed their union with 4 living children. In addition to his vocation as husband, father, and full-time pastoral duties, Hercamp is pursuing a PhD in Old Testament through Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His dissertation investigates Joshua the High Priest's clothing events found in Zechariah 3 and 6 in light of the greater garment of Scripture. For our time, Hercamp will lead us through the theology of the Garment Motif in the Old Testament.

Session 1: *The Garment Motif in the Pentateuch*

Session 2: *The Garment Motif in the Psalter*

Session 3: *The Garment Motif in the Prophets, with Special Emphasis on Zechariah*



Speaker: The Rev. William Fredstrom

Rev. William G. Fredstrom is an Associate Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, IN, a Ph.D. candidate at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Concordia University Chicago. Will is currently working on his dissertation, "Algorithms of Authority: Christian Political Theology in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." Will has published over 30 articles, essays, and book reviews in several theological journals, including *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Concordia Journal*, *Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology*, *Verba Vitae*, and *Lutheran Mission Matters*, of which he is a member of the editorial committee. In 2025, he was the recipient of the *Lutheran Quarterly Annual Essay Prize*. Will is married to his wife, Charlea, and they have two children.

Rev. Fredstrom's presentation is "Following Christ in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." Artificial intelligence (AI) raises important questions for how Christians should navigate and live faithfully in the world. As AI technologies and those who create them increasingly shape political life, public discourse, and visions of the human future, it presses Christians to reflect on things like power, responsibility, citizenship, and what it means to be human. This 3-part presentation offers a theological framework for thinking about these sorts of questions and helping God's people navigate our increasingly techno-social world.

Session 1: *The Politics of AI*

Session 2: *AI and the Datafication of Self and Society*

Session 3: *AI and the (Potential) Transformation of Self and Society*