

The Sittler Catalogue

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In this catalogue, the date of Sittler's presentation, if known, is listed first, then the medium:

A = audio tape; V=video tape; PC=printed copy. If the location of the presentation is known, that is indicated after the title.

Dates of Presentations Unknown

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| 00 00 00 | V | Aging and Death: An Interview with Dr. Sittler |
| 00 00 00 | A | ALCF Presentations
<i>St. Olaf College</i>

1) Sermon at opening worship about Paul and the Philippians; Paul's morphology of faith.
2) Conference summation; pedagogy in the humanities. |
| 00 00 00 | V | Biomedical Ethics, 1, 2, and 3. |
| 00 00 00 | A | Components for Ecological Reflection
<i>Boston Theological Institute</i>
(Thesis Theological Cassettes)

The tape contains four unrelated speeches by four different people. Sittler's presentation is concerned with theological reflections about ecology. The other speakers are Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, The Rev. Kenneth Bailey, Dr. Rene Dubos. |
| 00 00 00 | RR, A | Ecumenism; brief reflections on the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogues, by Father Jerome Thiesen and Joseph Sittler |
| 00 00 00 | A | Modern Day Demands Upon Christian Traditions

Ethics and natural law; problems in ethical decisions |

- 00 00 00 A Sermons on the Parables
St. Olaf College
 (Three tapes)
- 1) The Unjust Steward
 - 2) The Lost Sheep
 - 3) The Seed Growing of Itself
- 00 00 00 A Spirituality; the meaning of the religious right.
Presentation somewhere on the west coast (California?)
- 00 00 00 A Theism

Dated Materials

- 04 06 1959- A University District Lectureship
 04 09 1959 *Seattle*
 (Two tapes)
- “Contemporary Witnesses to Damnation”: Can we follow the delineation of a moral problem or the structure of a predicament or the articulation of a bitterness or anxiety or of a dullness of heart from contemporary works of literature and then see what the word of God has to say about the picture? Works discussed are Typhoon, The Catcher in the Rye, The Fall, and Four Quartets.
- 07 17 1961 A Message to Our Malaise
Princeton Theological Seminary
- The Care of the Earth (as printed in The Care of the Earth And Other University Sermons, Fortress, 1964)
 (First lecture of four)
- 07 18 1961 A Message to Our Malaise
Princeton T. S.
- “How Faith Forgets”: Mutability, passingness, the irreversibility of men’s lives.(Second lecture of four)
- 07 19 1961 A Message to Our Malaise
Princeton T. S.

“The View From Mt. Nebo,” (as printed in The Care of the Earth and Other University Sermons, Fortress, 1964)
Addressed to fellow pastors. How can one possibly be a minister of the Gospel of God? (Third lecture of four)

- 07 20 1961 A Message to Our Malaise
Princeton T. S.

The ecumenical movement; the unity of the church.
(Fourth lecture of four)
- 11 02 1961 A,PC Called to Unity: the WCC New Delhi Speech

Redemption within creation; grace and nature; the unity of the church.
- 00 00 1962 A Preaching from Structure
*United Theological Seminary
Richmond, Virginia*
(Two tapes)

Presentations to a group of clergy.
- 07 15 1964 A The Scope of I
Princeton Theological Seminary

Preparation for preaching; scope of my existence; how shall I be obedient?
- 00 00 1968 A The Doctrine of Grace The Earle Lectures
Three lectures, two tapes.

Doctrine of creation; Christology;
doctrine and scope of grace; observations on style.
- 02 04 1969 A Centennial Symposium
Augsburg College

Care of the earth and the theological underpinnings for a Christian ecology.
- 02 05 1969 A The Inevitability and Intolerability of Establishments
LSTC

Establishment, bureaucracy and tradition. Reinterpreting terms such as “evil.” Relation between establishments and man’s hope for peace.

- 08 13 1969 A Time, Space, and the American Experience
- Based on a course at the University of Chicago. The frontier as an influence on American life. How space and time are related in our American experience. (Sittler delivered a shortened version [one tape side only] of this lecture on the radio on a University of Chicago program called "From the Midway." This tape is also available.)
- 00 00 1971 A Shaping the Future
Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College
(Three tapes)
- 1) Sittler's lecture about science and religion, ecological unity, and progress.
 - 2) Closing panel with Sittler, Seaborg, Borlaug, Mc Hale and Weiner. Quality of tape not good.
 - 3) Banquet highlights. Musical entertainment, introductions, participants' reflections on the conference.
- 04 19 1971 A Theology and Ecology
Lenoir Rhyne College
(First lecture of two)
- American Space
Lenoir Rhyne
- Time, space and the American experience; the role of technology; our concept of freedom. Similar to "Time, Space, and the American Experience," 8/13/69.
(Second lecture of two.)
- 04 05 1973 A Suffering and Splendor
LSTC Chapel
- Text is from Romans. Suffering of the life of faith is of the character of faith. Splendor is the light the Holy gives off.
- 05 03 1973 A Conference on Nature and Grace
LSTC
- 05 09 1973 A Dies Theologia
LSTC Pastoral Conference
(Two tapes)

- 1.) New accents in theology. How theology has changed.
2.) Questions and answers.
- 12 00 1973 A Reflections on Christmas.
Broadcast on NPR's "All Things Considered."
- Side B only.
- 00 00 1974 A Mid-Winter Convocation
LSTC
(Four tapes)
- 1) Mostly Sittler. What tools are presented to Christian theology by the vision of the cosmos; what is possible for us as reflected in theology to do with our received traditions?
 - 2) Sittler on Side B. Staying relevant for the current generation. (Another speaker, Goerss, on Side A.)
 - 3) Sittler on Side B. The task of theology. (Another speaker, Hoyer, on Side A.)
 - 4) Confronting change; theologizing on the move.
- 00 00 1974 A Mid-Winter Convocation
LSTC
- Convocation Banquet and Sittler
- 04 01 1974 A Grace and a Sense for the World.
California Lutheran U. Founders' Day talks
- There are two lectures and two tapes in this series.
A number of topics covered: scope of reflection; ecumenical movement; NT language about Christ; questions and answers, etc.
- 04 21 1974 A Reflections on J. S. Bach
Carleton College
- Side A only of tape. (Side B contains Reflections on Christmas, 1973) A non-musicological approach to Bach's music.
- 09 30 1974- A Course on Theological Method
11 06 1974 *LSTC*
- 1) Introduction
 - 2) Luther

- 3) Luther – 2 tapes
- 4) Calvin
- 5) Calvin
- 6) Schliermacher
- 7) Schliermacher
- 8) Schliermacher and Bonhoeffer
- 9) Aulen
- 10) Aulen, Pannenberg, Rahner
- 11) Aulen – 2 tapes
- 12) Barth
- 13) Tillich

- 09 25 1974 A Workshop on Ministering to the Aging
Reflections on aging and death.
- 01 22 1975 A Spirit and Creation
Brent House, Univ. of Chicago
The doctrine of the Holy Spirit; the theater of the Spirit is the creation.
- 03 27 1975- A Sermons
03 30 1975 *Augustana Luth. Church, Hyde Park, Chicago.*
Maundy Thursday (on Side B of tape): Meditation based on “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands.” How does the death of one effectuate the redemption of others? Easter (on Side A): Easter is God’s day. Selfhood and the selfhood in eternity.
- 05 19 1975 A Sermon on Pentecost
Augustana Luth. Church, Chicago
- 06 04 1975 A Sittler at Chapel
LSTC
The problem of separating law and gospel. Preaching symphonically out of the Bible, not just episodically.
- 07 13 1975- A Sermons on Romans 8
07 27 1975 *Augustana Luth. Church, Chicago*
Three sermons on the text, all on one tape.
- 10 19 1975 A Installation of the Rev. Hofer
Augustana Luth. Church, Chicago

Sittler's sermon is on the office of the ministry. Jeanne Sittler's music is sung.

11 02 1975 A

Week-end Residency

Walnut Hill Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX

(There are 6 tapes in this series which include Sittler's sermon on Sunday a.m. plus five presentations over the next two days)

- 1) Sermon on "All Saints Day" at Sunday a.m. service on the occasion of the congregation's 25th anniversary (Side A). Side B of tape contains Sittler's presentation at the Sunday evening program on "Population and Birth Control.
- 2) Side A: Nov. 3, a.m. Seminar for pastors – assorted topics.
Side B: Nov. 4, p.m. Medical care, ethics
- 3) Side A: Nov. 3, a.m. Seminar for pastors, continued
Side B: Nov. 3, p.m. The environment.
- 4) Side A: Nov. 3, a.m. Basic issues in theology.
Side B: Nov. 3, a.m. Nature and grace
- 5) Side A: Nov. 4, a.m. Pastors seminar on worship, liturgy, and language.
Side B: Nov. 4, a.m., Pastors seminar, continued.
- 6) Side A: Nov. 4, a.m. Pastors seminar, continued.
Side B: Blank

00 00 1976 A

On Theological Education

LSTC

Sittler's brief reflection on theological education is the third presentation on this tape. The first is by W. Wolbrecht about the Seminary Life Appeal; the second, by Fred Lubs about CPE.

07 04 1976 A

Bicentennial Reflections

Augustana Luth. Church, Chicago

The recording includes much of the service as well as Sittler's sermon.

10 22 1976 A

The Emergence of Value

California Lutheran University

Sittler receives a distinguished service award for higher education; his remarks about a liberal arts education and values follow.

00 00 1976 A
OR 1977?

Certainty (Certitude) and Mystery : The Dynamics of church renewal.

ALC/LCA Cluster gathering in Colorado

- 02 26 1977 A Presentation at MALSM
Pocono Environmental Center, PA
- The care of the earth and the environmental crisis.
- 03 09 1977 A The Passion of Christ in St. Paul's Epistles
Sermon at Augustana Luth. Church, Chicago
- 09 26 1977 A Presentations at Holden Village
Chelan, WA
(Five tapes)
- 1) The scope of reflection; the church in a new age.
 - 2) Theology and ecology.
 - 3) Issues in Biblical interpretation; ethics.
 - 4) Continuation of discussion on ethics.
 - 5) Fireside chat- many topics covered.
- 11 14 1977- A Grace and Nature: Adult Education and Worship
11 16 1977 *Minneapolis*
(Four tapes)
- Topics included: The environment; the doctrine of grace; liturgical language; Christological language; the adequacy of our doctrine of grace; grace and nature; the restlessness of man; continuing ed. For pastors; the idolatry of faith and the certainty of faith; Jesus' role; role of pastors and lay persons.
- 00 00 1978 A Convocation, Sittler preaching.
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- 08 06 1978- A Equipping the Saints for Ministry
08 08 1978 *Parish Ministry Leadership Conference.*
(Two tapes)
- 1) What is theology? Its role? The transmission of our tradition. The doctrine of Christ. Modern day demands on the Christian. Relation of man to the natural world.
 - 2) Continuation of discussion on "Advice to a Prophet."
- Closing worship with Alvin Rogness as speaker.
- 00 00 1979 V Conversations with Dr. Sittler: Preaching With Imagination
(With Ron Shook)
- 00 00 1979 V Conversations with Dr. Sittler: Ecology and the Scripture
(With Ron Shook)

- 03 25 1979 A American Space
Grace Lutheran Church, Evanston, Illinois
- Church was celebrating its 40th anniversary.
- 05 29 1979- A Faith and Culture: Presentations made to faculty and
05 31 1979 administrators of Lutheran church colleges.
(Four tapes)
- 1) How can we help the student outgrow an adolescent theological condition? How does a college fulfill its covenant with the church?
 - 2) What is theology? Preaching; the confessions; the liturgy; dull faculty; college mission statements.
 - 3) Process theology; teachers; role of church-related colleges.
 - 4) Role of faith; more on role of church-related colleges.
- 10 00 1979 A Presentations to ALC Clergy
(Two tapes)
- 1) Reflections on the papal visit
 - 2) The Augsburg Confession and the Doctrine of God
- 10 00 1979 A Presentations to the Ohio Synod
(Three tapes)
- 1) Word and Scripture: The doctrine of the word.
 - 2) The Augsburg Confession (450th anniversary)
 - 3) The Future Task of Theology
- 11 01 1979 A A Christian Perspective on the Victims of Our Time
Symposium on the Holocaust at St. Olaf College
- 00 00 1980 V Conversations with Joseph Sittler.
- Two programs with discussions about the arts and theology, theology and the media, theological education, the ministry, ethics and contemporary society. With Linda Marie Delloff and Steve Sittler, moderated by Jack Lundin.
- 07 00 1980 A Equipping the Saints for Ministry
Texas Lutheran College
(Four tapes)
- 1) Clarification of terms; language; the freedom we have in Christ
 - 2) Worship services; no Sittler

- 3) The language regarding “Equipping the Saints”; the task of our community.
- 4) Worship; no Sittler

10 00 1980 A

The Ministry of the Laity
Minneapolis

10 00 1980 V

Address to the Inter-Lutheran Consultation on the Sunday School
CCCPCL

Passing on the tradition; intersecting faith with the current situation; what a theological educator needs to know.

11 16 1980 A

Theology Outside the Walls
LSTC

A lecture in the series, “How My Mind Has Changed,” sponsored by Christian Century.

00 00 1981 V

Theological Reflections: Spirituality Explored

00 00 1981 V

Theological Reflections: Love Is Not Enough

00 00 1981 V

Theological Reflections: Prayer, the Ultimate Conversation

00 00 1981 A

New Models for Ministry
California

Equipping the saints for ministry; Christian witness; lay ministry movement.

00 00 1981 A

Themes Upon Which I Have Been Reflecting
LSTC

Alumni Banquet Presentation at the Pastors’ Convocation. State of Protestant preaching; seminary education; religious right; dynamics of aging.

02 07 1981 A

Equipping the Saints
ALC gathering in Iowa
(Two tapes)

- 1) Definition of terms; importance of language; equipment needed by the saints.
- 2) Identity, finding one’s self; reflections on the ordained and the laity.

- 07 00 1981 A Keynote 36
District Convention, Iowa
- Theology and Ecology; radical Christocentrism.
- 00 00 1982 A Conscience and Capitalism
ALCF at Wartburg College, Iowa
- Problems with and the importance of language; finding new ways to live.
- 05 22 1982 A Commencement Address
Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH
- The transmission of the Christian faith; the haunting allure of Jesus.
- 07 26 1982 A The Holy Spirit and Human Reflection
Concordia Summer Theological Conference, Minnesota
- Reflections on the ministry and the laity; one side of tape with Sittler and Martin Marty together: questions to Sittler from Marty and the audience. (First of three presentations)
- 07 27 1982 A The Presence of Grace in Redemption
CSTC, Minn.
- Nature and grace. (Second of three presentations)
- 07 28 1982 A The Presence of Grace in Sanctification
CSTC, Minn.
- More on nature and grace; question of "eternal life."
(Third of three presentations)
- 10 00 1982 V Keynote Speech: Conference on the Pastoral Office
SW Wisconsin District, ALC
- What is the ministry of the ordained one? Models of preachers/theologians; advice to pastors.
- 01 00 1983 A Search Faculty Training
Minnesota
(Four tapes)

- 1) What are the difficulties before us as we prepare to engage others in Biblical studies? Problem of authority; diminished language; general religious and Lutheran biases.
- 2) What is theology? The problem of God; who is Jesus? what do we mean by the “word of God”? Comments on the parables.
- 3) Worship meditations: Redeeming the Time; Reflections on Spirituality.
- 4) Questions and answers: various topics.

- 04 12 1983 A A Conversation with Joseph Sittler and Studs Terkel
LSTC
- Moderated by Morris Niedenthal. Based on Terkel’s book Working.
- 01 00 1984 A His God Story
Phoenix, Arizona
- Sittler is invited to give “an anatomy of his faith.”
- 05 20 1984 A,PC The Liberal Arts and the Formation of Judgment
Bethany College Commencement Address, Lindsborg, Kansas
- 06 18 1984 A Theological Reflections
CSCM Seminar
Center for the Study of Campus Ministry Valparaiso, Indiana
- “A Fear-Filled Time.” Language and speech; the meaning of aging; basic ground of fear; hermeneutics; interpretation of Wallace Stevens’ poem, “The Idea of Order at Key West.” (First presentation of three)
- 06 19 1984 A Theological Reflections
CSCM Seminar
- The doctrine of the word; reflections on nature and grace; interior dimensions of aging.
(Second presentation of three)
- 06 22 1984 A Theological Reflections
CSCM Seminar
- Summing up: All is interpretation; faith and sin; task of theology today. (Third presentation of three)
- 10 29 1984 A Interior Dimensions of Aging
Conference on medicine and religion- Univ. of Kansas Medical

Center, Kansas City

- 11 14 1984 A Dying, Ethics and Theology
Chicago, 13th Annual NICA meeting.
- Three aspects to consider in talking about this topic: ethical, methodological, theological-pastoral.
- 00 001985 A Environmental Ethics
Meadville/Lombard Theological School
(Two tapes)
- Presentation to J. Ronald Engel's Class
- 03 00 1985 A Theology of the Land
- 04 25 1985- A Chapel Talks
04 26 1985 *St. Olaf College*
- Side A: The Mystery of Christ and the Anonymity of the Good (Love and justice)
Side B: Reflections on the Meaning of Truth
- 11 02 1985 A The Life and Mission of the Congregation
UFM
- 04 20 1986 A Address at the Inauguration of J. W. Vannorsdal,
LTS, Philadelphia
- 04 22 1986 A Preaching: the Narrative of Experience - A Conversation With Joseph Sittler
Professional Leadership Conference, LSTC
- Moderated by Morris Niedenthal and Charles Rice
- 12 01 1986 A Congregational Health Partnerships
Park Ridge, IL, Lutheran General Hospital
- Theological education; preaching; problems of aging.
- 01 10 1988 A In Memoriam, Joseph A. Sittler, Jr.
LSTC
(Two tapes)
- Service of thanksgiving for the life of Joseph Sittler, recorded on Three tape sides. On Side B of Tape #2 is "Joseph A. Sittler Remembered," personal reflections of Sittler by various friends.

Recorded on January 1, 1988.

01 30 1988- A
02 01 1988

Psalms and Bishop's Blues

An evening of jazz presented during a conference on the life and work of Joseph Sittler. Accompanying the tape is a letter from Andrew Tecson to Philip Hefner suggesting connections between the Music and Sittler's ideas.

In addition to the tapes, for the researcher there is written material in the archives at LSTC, the ELCA Archives, and other locations including Trinity Seminary and Oberlin College. Tapes from the 1997 Sittler Conference ("The Ecology of Faith") at LSTC are also available.

GLOSSARY

ALC	The American Lutheran Church
ALCF	American Lutheran College Faculties
CCCPCL	Coordinating Committee for Cooperative Projects in Congregational Life
CPE	Clinical Pastoral Education
CSCM	Center for the Study of Campus Ministry
LCA	Lutheran Church in America
LSTC	Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
LTS	The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
MALSM	Mid-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement
ACC	World Council of Churches