

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD

# *Faith Formation Winter Retreat*

## **The Book of Revelation for Today, Tomorrow, and Ever and Ever**

**Presenter: The Rev. Walter F. Taylor, Jr.**  
Ernest W. and Edith S. Ogram Professor  
Emeritus of New Testament Studies  
Trinity Lutheran Seminary of Columbus, Ohio



Please join us for a 24 hour  
Spiritual retreat that includes  
worship, fellowship, and a time of  
learning to better understand the  
Book of Revelation and how God's  
promises affect our lives today  
and long into the future.

**Dec 10-11, 2021**  
**King's House Retreat Center**  
**700 66th St, Belleville, IL**

We will be following CDC and IDPH Guidelines  
to ensure your health and safety

### Instructor Biography:

The Rev. Walter F. Taylor, Jr., is the Ernest W. and Edith S. Ogram Professor Emeritus of New Testament Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, from which he retired in 2016. Previously he served as Director of Graduate Studies and was a parish pastor in Lincoln, Nebraska. Taylor earned his B.A. at Midland Lutheran College, M.Div. at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University. He also studied at Yale University Divinity School, was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Heidelberg, Germany (1988-1989), and taught at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt (Spring 2009).

Wally's wife Dyann is a retired Library Media Specialist. Their son Rick is a urologist, and their daughter-in-law Camille is an obstetrician/gynecologist. They live in New Albany, Ohio, with their two daughters Amelie (eleven) and Lindy (eight). Dyann and Wally's daughter Jennifer teaches kindergarten in Los Angeles; her husband James works in the television and film industries. They have two children: Wilder (seven) and Fiona (one). The Taylors root for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Columbus Blue Jackets ... and, yes, for The Ohio State Buckeyes when they are not playing Nebraska.

### Full Description:

The book of Revelation is a powerful, exciting, and colorful witness to God's triumph over evil and death through the suffering of Jesus. It is also a challenging, at times confusing, and often misused book, especially when divorced from its historical setting and interpreted as a book of secret codes. In our study of Revelation—also called the Apocalypse of John—we will develop a framework for understanding how the book tells its story, how it uses language, and how it lifts our vision of God's activity in the past, the present, and the future. We will study every Revelation text used in the Revised Common Lectionary and explore preaching on Revelation, as well as its use in music and liturgy, so that the final book of the Bible can become a rich resource for ministry. The three presentations will look at "God's Promise for Today: Worthy is the Lamb", "God Promise for Tomorrow: Sealed, Suffering, Salvation (but no rapture)", and "God's Promise for Ever and Ever: Back to the Future".

### Tentative Schedule:

Friday, Dec. 10:	Saturday, Dec. 11:
5:00–6:30 – Registration and Dinner	8:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion
7:00–8:30 – Session #1	10:00–11:30 – Session #2
9:00 – Evening Prayer	11:30–1:00 – Lunch/Free Time
9:45 – Bedtime/Time of Fellowship	1:00–2:30 – Session #3
	2:30 – Responsive Prayer
	3:00 – Departure

# 2021 Faith Formation Winter Retreat Registration Form

\_\_\_\_ Early Bird Registration Fee: \$ 85.00

\_\_\_\_ After November 9: \$90.00

Registration Deadline: November 15, 2021

\_\_\_\_ Overnight Lodging - Single room

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\_\_\_\_ Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging limited to the first 30 individuals to register

Contact Pr Blake regarding double room lodging availability

\_\_\_\_ I am willing to help lead worship

For additional information or questions,  
contact Pastor S. Blake Duncan: [prblake1@yahoo.com](mailto:prblake1@yahoo.com)

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Please send check and registration form to:  
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