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Event Scheduled on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Dr. Danny West, professor of preaching and pastoral studies in the School of Divinity, will be speaking about Dr. Martin Luther at Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions program on Tuesday, Oct. 31. This event will be held at 9:25 a.m. in Stewart Hall of Tucker Student Center on GWU's main campus and is free and open to the public.



Dr. Danny West,
GWU Professor of
preaching and
pastoral studies

“I am honored to speak on the legacy of Dr. Luther,” shared Dr. West. “What so captures my imagination about the reformer is his sheer humanity. He is no ‘super hero’ of faith but rather a man who was plagued with doubts, fears, struggles, and uncertainties. In the midst of that uncertainty, it was God’s grace – Sola Gratia – that saved Luther. Luther, like all of us, had no claim to this grace, but it was given by God. I love his story.”

The program is scheduled on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a movement that was largely spearheaded by Luther. On Oct. 31, 1517, Luther nailed a sheet of paper with his 95 Theses on the University of Wittenberg’s chapel door. His central idea was that salvation can be reached by faith and divine grace. “I hope that our students would appreciate the magnitude of Luther’s courage,” West observed. “He stood up to the prevailing powers of his day based upon his unshakeable conviction to honor and live by the word of God.”

Gardner-Webb’s Dimensions program seeks to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and to promote a sense of community. More information is available by calling the GWU Office of Christian Life & Service at 704-406-4277 or visiting gardner-webb.edu.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu.

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