The King of the Jews
Sept 17 - Oct. 15
Pontius Pilate executed Jesus with the strange charge above his head: The King of the Jews. In our Lay School sessions, we will explore the following historical and theological questions:
1. What did this title mean for Herod the Great in the time of Caesar Augustus?  
2. What was the significance of the title for Pilate and the title of the Emperor Tiberius?  
3. How does the title communicate the secondary epiphany of Mark’s Gospel?  
4. In Matthew’s account, what is the prophetic force of the title for the Jews?  
5. How does Pilate’s sarcasm bear the profound truth of Luke’s narrative?
Instructors
David Tiefe, emeritus president and professor of New Testament
Luther Seminary
Bernhard M. Christensen professor of religion and vocation, Augsburg College
Course Hours
Noon - 2 p.m.

The Gospel of John
Sept 17 - Oct. 15
The Gospel of John invites the reader into a relationship with the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. In compelling ways the actions, teachings and signs of Jesus draw the reader into the conflict that Jesus and the early Christian church faced in making known and proclaiming God’s living presence in the Roman world. Jesus’ final words from the cross, “It is finished,” proclaim the completion of Jesus’ earthly ministry and Jesus’ resurrection words, “Receive the Holy Spirit,” empower and lead us into our life and witness to Jesus Christ in the 21st century world.
Instructors
Lowell Erdahl, bishop emeritus of the ELCA St. Paul Area Synod
Paul Berge, emeritus professor of New Testament
Course Hours
7-9 p.m.

Are We Following Jesus?  
Sept 17 - Oct. 15
We will ponder Ashley Montagu’s assertion that “There are millions of Christians in the world but very few followers of Jesus” and then ask “Are we following Jesus in our personal lives and in our life together as members of congregations, denominations and of the human family?” We will consider and discuss several current, controversial issues and will focus especially on misperceptions of reality that tempt us to conform into our life and witness to Jesus Christ in the 21st century world.
Instructor
Lowell Erdahl, bishop emeritus of the ELCA St. Paul Area Synod
Course Hours
7-9 p.m.