

# REVEREND DR. DAVID J. LOSE

RECOMMENDED BY THE MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE



## ABOUT PASTOR LOSE

Born December 21, 1964, in Pennsylvania, Pastor Lose is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College (BA), the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (MDiv, STM), and Princeton Theological Seminary (PhD). Pastor Lose has served on various boards and associations. He presently is serving as the president of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He is married to Karin (McNulty) Lose, and is the proud father of Jack, a sailor in the US Navy studying at the Defense Language Institute (Monterey, CA), and Katie, a junior at St. Paul Academy (St. Paul, MN). In addition to enjoying travel and trying out new restaurants, Pastor Lose is an avid Vikings fan, plays tennis, and enjoys playing board games with his kids.

Pastor Lose was recommended for call by the Mount Olivet Senior Pastor Call Committee in a unanimous vote following a national search and interview process. Pastor Lose is a noted author, preacher, and theologian. He speaks throughout the US and abroad on preaching, leadership, Christian faith in a postmodern world, and biblical imagination.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- At Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN)
  - *The Marbury Anderson Associate Professor of Biblical Preaching*, 2005-2014
  - Founding director of the Center for Biblical Preaching
  - Oversaw the redevelopment of the Center for Lifelong Learning
  - Led creative team of WorkingPreacher.org
- Directed two Lilly Endowment-funded grants focused on fostering congregational vibrancy
- Presented to nearly half the synods of the ELCA
- Served three congregations in the New Jersey Synod with responsibilities including youth ministry, stewardship, adult education and faith formation, and strategic planning and leadership development
- Prolific author: *Preaching at the Crossroads* (2013); *Confessing Jesus Christ* (2003); the popular *Making Sense* series from Augsburg Fortress; and numerous articles and papers
- Written for the Huffington Post, Patheos, and *The Christian Century*, among others
- Weekly reflections on preaching and connecting faith to daily life at “... in the Meantime” ([www.davidlose.net](http://www.davidlose.net)), with more than 7000 subscribers
- Lutheran World Relief, Board of Directors
- Congregational teaching and preaching: typically 8-12 times a year since 2000 in about 25 states and Canada



# DAVID J. LOSE

## PERSONAL

Born December 21, 1964; Baptized April 6, 1965  
Married to Karin Elizabeth (McNulty), December 31, 1994  
Father of John Frederick (9/97) and Katherine Elizabeth (3/00)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ACADEMIC

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA  
*President*, 2014-present  
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN  
*The Marbury Anderson Associate Professor of Biblical Preaching*, 2005-2014  
*Academic Dean*, 2005-2008  
*Assistant Professor of Homiletics*, 2000-2005

### PASTORAL

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Princeton Junction, NJ  
*Pastor*, 1998-2000  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Audubon, NJ  
*Pastor*, 1997-1998  
Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Summit, NJ  
*Pastor*, 1993-1996  
Ordained, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1993

## EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ  
*Doctor of Philosophy*, 2000  
Dissertation: Confessing Jesus Christ: Preaching in a Postmodern World  
Presidential Scholarship (1996-2000)  
The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA  
*Master of Sacred Theology, with a concentration in Biblical studies*, 1997  
*Master of Divinity*, 1993  
Winters Scholar, 1990; Wuerster Scholar, 1991; Hoh Scholar, 1992  
Class President, 1990-93; Editor of *The Seminarian*, 1990-91, 1992-93  
Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA  
*Bachelor of Arts, English (Psychology minor), Magna Cum Laude*, 1988  
Phi Beta Kappa, Senior Honor Society (Pres.), Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society (VP), Dana Scholar, Hackman Scholar

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

*The Academy of Homiletics*  
*Societas Homiletica*  
*The American Academy of Religion*  
*The Society of Biblical Literature*

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, COMPLETE CURRICULUM VITAE, AND MORE

View at <http://www.mtolivet.org/news/pastor-david-j.-lose>

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHNSON

As president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP), Pastor Lose initiated and is leading the effort to unify LTSP and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. His loyalty and commitment to this merger means he will stay in his current position until its completion. His start date at Mount Olivet is to be no later than July 1, 2017. To make it possible for Mount Olivet to call Pastor Lose, I have been asked to extend my stay as your interim senior pastor. I am more than willing to continue at Mount Olivet in order to get such a gifted person to lead our great congregation. During this transitional period, Pastor Lose will be meeting with pastors and staff, speaking to members, and crafting a vision and plan for Mount Olivet so that, in his words, he will "hit the ground running." I will be coordinating with Pastor Lose to advance this vision.



PASTOR DENNIS J. JOHNSON  
INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR