
Sermon Series (both services)

2/11 (Transfiguration) "Worship Like You Mean It!" — actively entering into worship

2/18 (Lent 1B) "You Brood of Vipers!" — the centrality of confession and absolution

2/25 (Lent 2B) "Resounding / Astounding Praise" — Loving the Lord with heart, soul and mind

3/4 (Lent 3B) "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" — the power of God's word in our lives

3/11 (Lent 4B) — "The Congregation that Prays Together Stays Together" — Stephen Ministry, and our commitment to care for one another

3/18 (Lent 5B) "In the Image of God" — peace and generosity as expressions of faith

3/25 (Palm Sunday) "An Intimate, Powerful, Gracious Presence" — Christ: as present in the meal today as 2,000 years ago

4/1 (Easter Sunday) "Sent in Christ's Name" — Welcomed into God's love; sent into God's world

Adult Form (9:40 a.m.)

2/25 — History of Judeo/Christian worship up to the time of Luther

3/4 — Luther's thoughts on worship and the Gathering rites of the Lutheran liturgy

3/11 — Service of the Word, part I: Readings through the Sermon

3/18 — Service of the Word, part II: Prayers of the Church through the Passing of the peace

3/25 — Service of the Table

4/8 — Sending and course reflections



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First Things First

Preparing to Experience God in Worship

Helping Ourselves

- Study the lessons ahead of time, and understand the theme of the day.
- Know what each part of the liturgy intends to accomplish, and look for the ways God is making it happen.
- Be aware of the liturgical church year, and what the church hopes to experience in each season.
- Rest well the night before, and arrive prepared to do your very best at participating.
- Expect God to show up — every Sunday!

Helping our Neighbor

- Participate with strength and enthusiasm — not performing, but entering whole-heartedly into every aspect of worship.
- Pay attention to our neighbor's needs — could they use a hand with a child, or with finding their place in the worship folder?
- Help newcomers feel connected — is there someone near you who you don't recognize? Introduce yourself to them. Welcome them to Saint Peter.

Sunday, February 11: “Worship Like You Mean It!”

The disciples gave themselves to Jesus for 3 years!. Along the way they experienced him fully. They came to expect something extraordinary every time they were with him. As we give ourselves, whole heartedly, to God in worship, it opens up the possibility that we too will experience God more fully in our times of worship. How can our active participation, and a heightened sense of expectation, enhance this?

Some Questions for Reflection at Home

- What are the dangers of not understanding the way we worship as Lutherans?
- How might it help us to have a deeper appreciation of our worship traditions?
- In what ways might worship be richer for me (us) if we had higher expectations of what God is planing to accomplish among us?
- What can I (we) to be well-prepared for worship, and ready to enter into to it most fully?

Next Week:

“You Brood of Vipers!” — John the Baptist, and the role of Confession and Absolution in Christian worship.