

Forgive Me My Trespasses: A Lenten Sermon Series of Personal Repentance

Lutheran pastors always seek to develop a theme to tie together the five midweek homilies that are preached during the season of Lent. Whether that be a general concept like faith or love, or a catechetical objective like understanding the Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer, we try to tie the meditations preached on Wednesday nights together.

This year's Lenten midweek sermon series does in fact have just such a theme: my own personal repentance. Repentance from what, you may ask. Well, I will tell you.

Looking through some past sermons a few months ago, I realized that though I generally preach on the Gospel reading on Sundays during the Liturgy, and every now and then have preached on the Old Testament reading, I have never, no, not once, preached on the Epistle. Seven years I have been the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, and eight years have I preached here, and not a single sermon on the words of St. Paul or St. Peter, much less one on the book of Hebrews!

I feel I have been depriving this congregation of any explanation of and encouragement from this very essential part of the New Testament, and so during Lent, I will, in a small way, atone for this. During the Wednesday night evening prayer services, I will be preaching on the Epistle reading used on the previous Sunday, and on that text alone, hopefully elucidating it to the edification of the saints here in Jackson, Mississippi. I hope you will join us.