

Keynote Presentation I:

Lutheran Worship: Happy or Sad?

Our age is driven more by emotion and reaction than by wisdom. Judgment in matters of worship can be just as extreme and imprecise. What really is the character of Lutheran worship? Using the hymnal and the altar book, we'll investigate the tenor of the hymnody and psalmody in our present usage, observe where the Lutheran heritage would lead our hearts, put a few clichés to the test and expand our vocabulary and theological outlook beyond those bland, visceral categories of "sad" or "happy."