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Hymns as Treasures for Preaching, Praying, Proclaiming, and Confessing

By Pastor Sean Kilgo

When we think of our hymnody, we might be tempted to think that these treasures are only for singing. However, that sells the hymns quite short. Hymns are not only for singing, but for preaching, praying, proclaiming, and confessing. In this session Pr. Kilgo will make the argument that we should use our hymns for more than singing by incorporating them into many aspects of our lives. He will provide some examples of what this might look like.

Lex Benedicendi Lex Orandi: Prayer formed by Blessing

By Vicar John Kastner

Flipping through the Psalter, you might find that many of these faithful prayers echo and repeat one of the chief liturgical rites of the church, the Aaronic Benediction. From the words and phrases God commanded Aaron and his sons to speak over the people of Israel, the Psalm writers gathered what good gifts should be requested from above. This presentation will explore how meditation on God's Word, specifically His promises, can and should inform how we offer prayers. After showing the importance and significance of the Aaronic Benediction on the Psalms, we will learn from the psalmists how to meditate and reflect how God richly blesses us in our liturgical rites.

Pulling Out the Stops: Organ Registration, Instruments, and Repertoire

By Kantor Bethany Johnson

In this session for organists, we will discover the different possibilities for organ registration and how they apply to organ repertoire, hymns, and the liturgy. There are several "dos" and "don'ts" with organ registration, as well as many other creative ways to reflect the nature and purpose of music in the worship service. Among these creative possibilities are opportunities for instruments and handbells to contribute to the worship service. Come to learn more about these sounds, and feel free to offer your own ideas to share with the group.