

Breakout Sessions B

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Beauty: Faith toward God and Love toward the Neighbor

By Rev. Andy Wright

Theology and aesthetics have a relationship that goes far beyond the sensory. While this is a primary thing, it is aesthetics after all, the connections and implications are found in other areas such as revelation, the sacred, and the Christian life to name three examples. These three connections will be explored as they relate to the aesthetic transcendental of beauty. In this way there will be seen how a theological aesthetic of beauty is lived out in faith toward God and love toward the neighbor as Luther's Post Communion Collect so aptly summarizes the Christian's life in this world.

The Use of the Psalms in Devotions, Worship, and Choral Music (*incorporated with a summary of the LCMS Worship Institute this past summer*)

By Kantor Bethany Johnson

The best of church music is found in the psalms. Whether in devotional life, or in the worship life of the church, psalmody can be used in many ways. Ultimately, the Book of Psalms focus on Christ and our life in Him. This presentation will begin with a brief summary of the LCMS Worship Institute this past summer with both a theological and practical view of psalms, specifically within the musical propers of the church. Resources will be provided, such as examples of psalm settings and practical ways to incorporate them into the congregation; chanting will also be included—there is always room to grow!