

With Luther Through the Year 2018

I would like to extend an invitation to the next Luther Forum on *March 24 at 2PM*. We will gather at the church.

At this session, we will be looking at Luther's response to the changes that were made in Wittenberg during his absence and to the challenges that he found when he returned from the Wartburg Castle in March 1522. Luther responded to the changes by giving a series of eight sermons from March 9-16, 1522, at the beginning of Lent (that's why these sermons are referred to as *Invocavit* sermons).

To help you with your **preparation**, I can make the text of those sermons available to you. Please let me know if you want me to e-mail these sermons to you. Of particular interest will be Luther's sentiments about, and his reflections on, the Lord's Supper.

For further preparation please do some research on the following **questions**: Why did Luther have to stay at the Wartburg Castle in 1521? What happened in Wittenberg during his absence? Who was Karl Bodenstein (called "Karlstadt")? Who were the "Zwickau prophets"? What is your reaction to Luther's sermons? What can we learn from this historic example about our dealings with change(s) in the church?

Looking ahead: In April, we will examine Luther's address at the Diet of Worms ("Here I stand"). We shall meet on *Saturday, April 28 at 2 PM*.

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Here is the outline for other topics (could be subject to change):

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
March 24 at 2 PM	'Invocavit' sermons	At the beginning of Lent 1522 Luther returned from the Wartburg Castle to Wittenberg. In a series of sermons, he addressed several Christian core values.
April 28 at 2 PM	The Diet of Worms	Luther was asked to recant his theological views at the Diet of Worms in 1521. What did he say?
May, TBD	The Freedom of a Christian	Luther's view on freedom. A central document from the year 1520. A look at Luther's name.
June, TBD	The Augsburg Confession	Melanchthon presented this document at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530. What is it? What does it say?
July, TBD	Luther on Education	While the children are on vacation, we may use the time to take a look at a Lutheran view on education. A fresh look at the Catechisms may be in order.
August, TBD	Luther and Mary	Luther has some interesting and intriguing things to say about Mary, Jesus' mother.
September, TBD	Luther on Translating	Luther translated the Bible into German. In 1529, he shared his insights on the task of translation.
October, TBD	Reformation-Month	A welcome opportunity to take a look at the story and history of Lutherans worldwide.
November, TBD	Luther, the musician	A look on preaching the Gospel through music.
December, TBD	Christmas	A reading, in selection, of Luther's Christmas sermons.