Sermon Reaction Questionnaire

"Nothing attaches people to the church as does good preaching."

*The Lutheran Confessions: Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XXIV, 51*

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Thank you for your time in participating in this questionnaire. With your help, we can make our preaching stronger, both for your edification of your faith and for the evangelization that is done through preaching to our visitors. We ask for your honesty. Loving, constrictive criticism is sincerely appreciated.

Please supply the following information. There is no need to supply your name.

Sex: male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_years

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Regarding the sermon you just heard, indicate whether you agree or disagree with these statements. *Circle 1 if you strongly agree, 2 if you agree, 3 if you're uncertain, 4 if you disagree, 5 if you strongly disagree.*

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| 1. My interest was maintained throughout the sermon. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon was integrated into the service of worship, fitting well with a theme of the day, the other lessons, the hymns, etc. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon touched me emotionally. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. I now understand that portion of Scripture better. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The preacher said things in a way I’ve already heard them said before recently. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon was too long. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. I did not understand the sermon well. It seemed to jump around a bit rather than having a logical flow to it. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon demonstrated the seriousness of sin and led me to repentance. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The preacher referred to notes too often. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The preacher sounded like he loved us. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon spoke to some of my personal needs. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon let me see the greatness of Christ. His grace and forgiveness was central to the message of the sermon. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon made me eager to serve God more than I'm already serving him. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The preacher spoke down to us, sounding as though he were morally superior. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon had a forceful conclusion. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon will have little to no effect on my day-to-day life this week. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1. The sermon comforted me. | 1 2 3 4 5 |

1. What are the one or two key things, if any, that you learned from this sermon?
2. What are some things you liked or disliked about the delivery of the sermon?
3. Any final thoughts or suggestions?

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