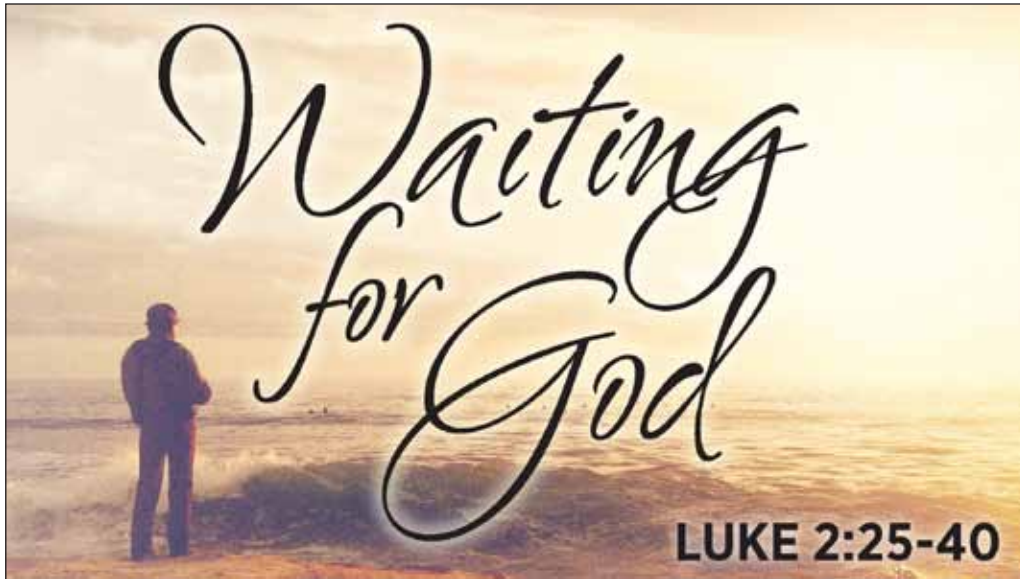


“Waiting for God”

Luke 2:25-40



INTRODUCTION:

One activity we all have in common and do not much enjoy . . .

I. WE ARE ALL WAITING FOR GOD IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

- A. Some would change waiting into passivity
- B. Others change waiting for useless action
- C. Tired of waiting for God, we may create our own “gods”

II. SIMEON AND ANNA WAITED AND SERVED IN HOPE

- A. Who were they and why were they waiting? (Verses 28-32 and 36-38)
- B. God came, but not as they expected

III. GOD COMES TO US, BUT NOT AS WE EXPECT

- A. Can we recognize His coming at the Cross as well as the Cradle?
- B. Can we recognize His coming in the Word and Sacraments?
- C. Can we serve as we wait?

CONCLUSION:

Giotto's painting: “Jesus' Presentation in the Temple”