

# Interim Ministry Resources

## Chapter 3 Worship

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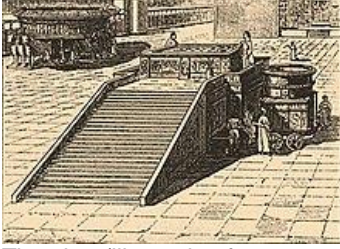
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## 1) Altar

### Altar (Bible) - Wikipedia

Altars in the Hebrew Bible were typically made of earth (Exodus 20:24) or unwrought stone (20:25). Altars were generally erected in conspicuous places. The first altar recorded in the Hebrew Bible is that erected by Noah (Genesis 8:20).



The altar (illustration from Brockhaus and Efron Jewish Encyclopedia (1906–1913))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altar\\_\(Bible\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altar_(Bible))

Images for Altar (Bible)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altar>

Images for altar

### Altar - Definition and Meaning, Bible Dictionary

Structure on which offerings are made to a deity. The Hebrew word for altar is mizbeah [[eBzim](#)], from a verbal root meaning "to slaughter." Greek renders this word as thusiasterion [[qusiasthvrión](#)], "a place of sacrifice."

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/altar/>

Images for Altar - Definition and Meaning, Bible Dictionary

### Ancient Altars - Background Bible Study (Bible History Online)

Altars are mentioned often in the Bible. Ancient altars were raised structures that people placed sacrifices on.

<http://www.bible-history.com/biblestudy/altars.html>

Images for Ancient Altars - Background Bible Study (Bible History Online)

### Awesome Altars: How to Transform the Worship Space [Judy Pace Christie, Mary Dark]

Thousands of church leaders are now looking for fresh ways to transform worship space into an environment that helps people to connect with God in deep and meaningful ways. With all eyes on the altar and the cross each week, thousands of congregations now have an opportunity through imagery to coordinate and reinforce the theme of the preaching and music.

*Awesome Altars* is an illustrated tool kit—a book and “how-to” DVD—that explains new ways to use altar design to help people more fully worship God. This inspirational package, which includes recipes for many altars, describes how imaginative and creative ideas can come together to prepare and attract the people of God. By using true and often funny stories, plus specific hands-on examples, this book and disk will help you organize an altar team, work with the pastor and music staff, cultivate fresh ideas, and deliver inspiring worship space, week after week.

<http://www.amazon.com/Awesome-Altars-Transform-Worship-Space/dp/0687331811>

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/awesome-altars-how-to-transform-worship-space-book-and-dvd>

<https://www.amazon.com/Judy-Christie/e/B001IU0FM4>

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/2930346.Judy\\_Christie](https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/2930346.Judy_Christie)

Images for Judy Pace Christie, author

<http://www.judychristie.com/books.html>

<https://www.amazon.com/Mary-Dark/e/B001KE84WQ>

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<https://www.pinterest.com/worshipstudio/altar-spaces/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/revjoelle/easter-altar-space/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/findingmagick/sacred-space-ideas/>

### CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: History of the Christian Altar

The Christian altar consists of an elevated surface, tabular in form, on which the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01362a.htm>

Images for CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: History of the Christian Altar

### History - Elk Creek Lutheran Church

A new church, complete with the baptismal font rescued from the first church and a newly crafted **hand carved altar** was completed by June of 1916.

<http://www.elkcreeklutheran.com/history.html>

[elkcreekchurch@gmail.com](mailto:elkcreekchurch@gmail.com)

Images for crafted hand carved altar completed June of 1916

### 380 best Creative Christian Altars images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/bbfs/creative-christian-altars/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/4lpi/altars/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/midoritonbo/altars-and-shrines/>

Images for christian altars pinterest

## 2) Art

### Art in Service of the Sacred [With CD ROM] [Catherine Kapikian, Kathy Black]

Many congregations today are examining the role the arts play in creating sacred space and in inviting people into the presence of God for encounter and engagement. They are realizing that the work of the artist and the work of the church are inexorably bound. Both seek a response, a transformation of thought in those who come to see and enter to hear. When art and art-making become embedded in the religious community, work side-by-side, look at each other face-to-face, and listen to each other, each helps the other do its work.

*Art in Service of the Sacred* encourages congregations to take seriously the role of visual art in worship and in the broader life of the church. This rich resource explores the dynamics between art, artist, and the church. It proclaims the power of art when used as art, reclaims the presence of religious symbols in worship, asserts the importance of the aesthetic dimensions of ecclesial space, and recovers the role of visual art to engage our senses and imaginations as we seek to encounter God in our lives.

<http://www.amazon.com/Art-Service-Sacred-With-ROM/dp/0687358639>

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/calltoworship/review-kapikians/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Catherine-A.-Kapikian/e/B001ITYVSO>

Images for Catherine Kapikian, author

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/695672.Kathy\\_Black](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/695672.Kathy_Black)

Images for Kathy Black, author art in the service of the sacred

Images for Art in Service of the Sacred [With CD ROM] [Catherine Kapikian, Kathy Black]

### Art in the Christian Tradition: Search the collection

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-search.pl>

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<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=46102>

<https://thecrg.org/resources/art-in-the-christian-tradition>

<https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/17300>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pinterestrich/art-in-the-christian-tradition/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pinterestrich/b-w-art-in-the-christian-tradition/>

<https://luthersem.libguides.com/worship> Art & Images - Worship - LibGuides at Luther Seminary

### Best 25+ Christian art ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/christian-art/>

Images for Christian art Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/christian-paintings/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/lholsinger/christian-art/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/shellytye/christian-art/>

### Christian art - Wikipedia

Christian art is sacred art which uses themes and imagery from Christianity. Most Christian groups use or have used art to some extent, although some have had strong objections to some forms of religious image, and there have been major periods of iconoclasm within Christianity.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian\\_art](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_art)

Images for christian art

## Early Christian Art - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbHGSWYt\\_Rs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbHGSWYt_Rs)

Images for Early Christian Art - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yGyKhCAIRQ> Early Christian Art - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Odt0yhc6tEM> Early Christian Art History from Goodbye-Art Academy - YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcQ9NB3D\\_ho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcQ9NB3D_ho) The First Christian Art and its Early Developments – Lord Richard Harries

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj\\_CJellPuM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zj_CJellPuM) Early Christian Art - Paleo Christian Art - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyMjZwfPlgY> Early Christian art and architecture - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtmijwXf28Zs> Jesus in Early Christian Art - YouTube

## Religion and the Arts – Let's Talk

This issue of *Let's Talk* takes up the topic of art and religion: religious art and liturgical art.

<http://mcsletstalk.org/religion-and-the-arts/>

Images for Religion and the Arts – Let's Talk

## 3) Assisting Minister

### Assisting Ministers and Readers: A Worship Handbook (Worship handbook series) [S. Anita Stauffer, Gerald Spice]

While presiders take the lead role in guiding the worship experience, assisting ministers and readers play an equally vital role in the spirit and pace of worship. Lay people taking on these roles may have little formal background in worship leadership; trained persons are often eager to learn more. Both beginners and professionals can provide a deeper worship experience by gaining a richer knowledge of their contribution. This handbook offers practical guidance for these persons: background and history; possible roles, along with recruitment; feedback, and training ideas.

<http://www.amazon.com/Assisting-Ministers-Readers-Handbook-handbook/dp/0806642904>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/6495/Assisting-Ministers-and-Readers>

<http://store.afcanada.com/store/product/6495/Assisting-Ministers-and-Readers-A-Worship-Handbook>

<http://www.cross-church.org/images/2016- Guidelines for Assisting Ministers.pdf>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1451408536>

<https://www.amazon.com/S.-Anita-Stauffer/e/B001K87PHC>

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/626239.S\\_Anita\\_Stauffer](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/626239.S_Anita_Stauffer)

Images for S. Anita Stauffer, author

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/639325.Gerald\\_Spice](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/639325.Gerald_Spice)

[http://www.grossepointenews.com/Articles-i-2010-07-29-243172.114135\\_He\\_is\\_called\\_to\\_find\\_a\\_solution.html](http://www.grossepointenews.com/Articles-i-2010-07-29-243172.114135_He_is_called_to_find_a_solution.html)

Images for Assisting Ministers and Readers: A Worship Handbook [S. Anita Stauffer, Gerald Spice]

Images for Worship handbook series

### [PDF] Assisting Ministers: Enlisting, Training, and Learning from the Diversity of Gifts

[http://scholar.valpo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1056&context=ils\\_papers](http://scholar.valpo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1056&context=ils_papers)

Images for Assisting Ministers: Enlisting, Training, and Learning from the Diversity of Gifts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nH6mHqoRW24> Assisting Minister - Training Video - YouTube

<http://www.faithlutheranchurch.com/worship/music/assisting-ministers-a-cantors.html> Faith Lutheran Church: Assisting Ministers & Cantors

<http://www.watertownimmanuel.org/worship/assistingministers.cfm> Assisting Ministers - Watertown Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

<http://www.resurrectionpeople.org/ministries/worship/assistingministers/assistingministerguide.htm> GUIDE FOR ASSISTING MINISTERS

Images for GUIDE FOR ASSISTING MINISTERS

<https://rlcstjoe.com/wp-content/uploads/RLC-Assisting-Minister-Guide.pdf> [PDF]Assisting Minister Guide - Resurrection Lutheran Church

<http://www.losaltoslutheran.org/guidelines-for-assisting-ministers/> Guidelines for Assisting Ministers | Los Altos Lutheran Church

Images for Guidelines for Church Assisting Ministers

<https://www.adventnyc.org/assisting-ministers/> Assisting Ministers — Advent Lutheran Church

<http://www.findhopehere.net/worship/Asst%20Min%20Guide--Leading%20God's%20People%20in%20Worship.pdf> [PDF]Asst Min Guide--Leading God's People in Worship

<http://www.cross-church.org/images/2016- Guidelines for Assisting Ministers.pdf> [PDF]GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTING MINISTERS YOU ARE IMPORTANT!!

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/How\\_can\\_lay\\_people\\_participate\\_in\\_worship\\_leadership.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/How_can_lay_people_participate_in_worship_leadership.pdf) [PDF]How Can Lay People Participate in Worship Leadership

<http://godshearhumanhands.org/AsstMin/Assisting%20Minister%20Guide.pdf> [PDF]ASSISTING MINISTER

## 4) Attendance

### Church attendance - HuffPost

<https://www.huffpost.com/topic/church-attendance>

Images for Church attendance - HuffPost

## Church attendance - Wikipedia

### Rate of attendance

The [Gallup International](#), a self-reporting survey conducted via telephone, indicates that 37% of Americans report that they attend [religious services](#) weekly or near-weekly in 2013.<sup>[1]</sup> However, self-reporting surveys conducted online indicate substantially lower attendance rates,<sup>[2]</sup> and methods of measurement that don't rely on self-reporting estimate even lower rates; for instance, a 2005 study published in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* found that just 22% of Americans attend services weekly.<sup>[3]</sup> This compares to other countries claims such as 15% of [French citizens](#), 10% of [UK citizens](#),<sup>[4]</sup> and 7.5% of [Australian citizens](#).<sup>[5]</sup> In the U.K., in 2011, an average once-a-week attendance in Anglican churches went down by 0.3% compared with 2012, thus exhibiting a stabilizing trend.<sup>[6]</sup> Previously, starting from 2000, an average rate of weekly church attendance in Britain was dropping down 1% annually. In 2013, the Pew Research Center reported that 37% of all Americans attended church on a weekly basis.<sup>[7]</sup> In its turn, Gallup estimated the once-a-week church attendance of the Americans in 2013 as 39%.<sup>[8]</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church\\_attendance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_attendance)

Images for church attendance

## Downside of worship: Average worship attendance plummets here's a glimpse why - The Lutheran Magazine

If you turn your magazine (or computer) upside down, the adjoining chart looks like good news. But it's not good news—unless you're peddling Sunday morning favorites like pancakes or Meet the Press.

Since 2002 average worship attendance at [ELCA](#) congregations has taken an Olympic-size dive. In 2001 average attendance was up slightly. But it took a downward turn the following year, and figures compiled by [ELCA Research and Evaluation](#) last fall say average attendance is down 45,000 (from 144 per congregation to 131).

The figures aren't much different from those of other mainline denominations, said Kenneth Inskeep, executive for [Research and Evaluation](#). And they're a sign of weak ties to the church and a church that's not evangelizing. Many nonattenders are young adults or retirees whose attendance lapsed after their children were confirmed, he said.

[http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article\\_id=7853](http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=7853)

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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

## 44 Ways to Increase Church Attendance - Kindle edition by Lyle E. Schaller (Author)

Are you still suffering over the sight of empty pews? Have your efforts been more than exhaustive in expanding your congregation? Have you maximized your brainstorming potential for bringing in new members? If you have reached what appears to be your limit, then no longer fret, *44 Ways To Increase Church Attendance* can open the doors of both your church and mind. With proven techniques for building a body for Christ, church leaders can increase their membership and then free themselves to focus on other important missions for God. Schaller's suggestions will energize leaders and put their churches on the road of abundance.

<https://www.amazon.com/44-Ways-Increase-Church-Attendance-ebook/dp/B005CRQ41K>

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1684919.44\\_Ways\\_to\\_Increase\\_Church\\_Attendance](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1684919.44_Ways_to_Increase_Church_Attendance)

<https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9780687132874/>

<https://www.christianbook.com/44-ways-to-increase-church-attendance/lyle-schaller/9780687132874/pd/13288>

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<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/44-ways-to-increase-church-attendance-P001122120>

<https://www.kobo.com/us/en/ebook/44-ways-to-increase-church-attendance-1>

<https://www.abebbooks.com/44-Ways-Increase-Church-Attendance-Lyle/22886729840/bd>

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<https://www.amazon.com/Lyle-E-Schaller/e/B001IR1J9K>

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/179868.Lyle\\_E\\_Schaller](https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/179868.Lyle_E_Schaller)

Images for 44 Ways to Increase Church Attendance by Lyle E. Schaller (Author)

## 50 Ways to Increase Worship Attendance - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Vital worship strengthens other areas of ministry by inspiring faith, building community, and connecting people to the congregation's mission. Because worship is at the center of congregational life, strong attendance is more than a number. It is a vital sign.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/50-ways/50-ways-to-increase-worship-attendance/>

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website\\_Properties/how-we-serve/documents/vital-congregations-50-ways-to-increase-worship-attendance.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/how-we-serve/documents/vital-congregations-50-ways-to-increase-worship-attendance.pdf)

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<https://www.churchleadership.com/category/50-ways/>

<https://thecrg.org/resources/lewis-center-for-church-leadership>

## How to Boost Your Church Attendance by Dr Jack Hyles

May the God of heaven bless these promotional ideas and suggestions to the bringing of souls to our Saviour.

[http://www.fbcb.com/messages/hyles\\_boost\\_church\\_attendance.htm](http://www.fbcb.com/messages/hyles_boost_church_attendance.htm)

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<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> Church Effective Nugget, Volume 4: How to Increase Worship Attendance

[Images for How to Increase Worship Attendance – Parish Paper](#)

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/the-parish-paper>

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/back-issue-index> Back Issue Index | The Parish Paper

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<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> Church Effective Nugget, Volume 1: How to Transform Worship Visitors into Regular Attendees

[Images for How to Transform Worship Visitors into Regular Attendees – Parish Paper](#)

<https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/18263/ParishPaper-2013-10-KeyQuestionsAboutWorshipAttendance.pdf?t=1>

<http://winnebagoepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/11/P-P-10-2013-Key-Questions-about-Worship-Attendance.pdf>

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/Resources/Documents/ParishPaper/ParishPaper-Oct13.pdf> Growth or Decline? 10 Key Questions about Worship Attendance

## Ministry Matters™ | Increase Worship Attendance

Examine your church's strengths and weaknesses when it comes to welcoming and retaining new people and form a plan of action. But here are five easy first steps to get you started.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3175/increase-worship-attendance>  
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<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3925/increase-worship-attendance-bear-more-fruit>  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/690/how-worship-brought-our-church-back-from-the-dead>  
<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/6205/why-is-worship-important>  
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#### **Overflow: Increase Worship Attendance & Bear More Fruit by Lovett H. Weems Jr. (Author), Tom Berlin (Author)**

At the heart of why any church exists is to glorify God and to share God as revealed in Jesus Christ; thus, worship is at the center of the congregation's life. The church, of course, is more than worship, but without vital worship attendance, it is unlikely that members are growing and new disciples are being brought to faith. Worship attendance is also the one factor where improvement tends to help every other aspect of the church's ministry.

There is another reason for focusing on worship attendance. After relatively strong attendance in the 1990s and a rise in attendance for five Sundays after the tragedy of Sept 11, 2001, attendance has been more likely to decrease instead of increase for most U.S. churches since 2002.

Churches that grow connect people with God, and compelling and inspiring worship is a primary means of connection.

<http://www.amazon.com/Overflow-Increase-Worship-Attendance-Fruit-ebook/dp/B00E0TN8A6>  
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18653292-overflow>  
<http://store.afcanada.com/store/product/18558/Overflow-Increase-Worship-Attendance-Bear-More-Fruit>  
<http://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781426767517#.Wqhpi6jwaUk>  
<https://www.cokesbury.com/Overflow-1>  
<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/overflow-lovett-h-jr-weems/1123831105>  
<https://www.cogicpublishinghouse.net/shop/overflow-increase-worship-attendance-bear-more-fruit.html>  
<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426774885>  
<http://www.churchleadership.com/resources/overflow.html>  
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/product/9781426767517>  
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Increasing attendance is a top priority for most churches. Bringing more people through the doors of the church can translate to impacting more people for Christ. Church is where communities of worshippers can deepen their faith and connect with other believers. Worshipping together is vital to the Christian life, yet many churches struggle to fill the pews.

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### The Call of the Disciples and the Decline of the Church. Sunday, January 15, 2012 12:00 AM | David Lose

We all know that church **attendance** is on the slide. It has been for about 40 years or so in mainline congregations and is now declining in Evangelical congregations over the last decade as well. There have been lots of studies on what is causing this, and of all the suggested reasons that I've come across two in particular have made the most sense to me.

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While I don't want to suggest there is a magic bullet to this problem, I do want to offer some approaches to address it. These five have proven to be the most helpful in hundreds of churches:

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## 5) Band-based Worship

### A Field Guide to Contemporary Worship: How to Begin and Lead Band-based Worship [Andrew Boesenecker and James Graeser]

This is a must-have guide for anyone thinking about starting a contemporary worship service and an essential reference work for those wondering about the nuts and bolts of instrumentation, arranging, working with microphones and speakers, and much more! Written by a church musician and a pastor who have experienced the joys and challenges of this popular form of worship, *A Field Guide to Contemporary Worship* provides field-tested ideas and hints and a wealth of illustrations.

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### Dakota Road strikes again - The Lutheran Magazine

**Dakota Road** has been popular in the ELCA for more than 15 years, playing at **Youth Gatherings**, synod assemblies and other events. Their seventh album, *Break These Chains*, offers a potpourri of worship-oriented pop songs redolent with what John Denver once called "poems, prayers and promises."

The Minnesota group is led by Larry Olson and Hans Peterson, who also perform as solo artists. **Dakota Road** has a sound similar to that of many other praise bands that provide music for churches, but with two significant differences. First, their long tenure and professional musicianship lends a quality to their craft that justifies its national reputation. Second, they perform mostly original compositions, thus augmenting the church's resources of theologically sound and musically appealing hymnody.

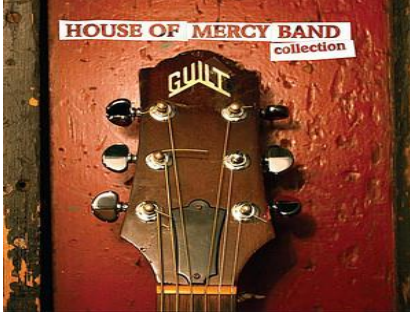
The songs differ in style, but all belong to the unassuming genre of adult contemporary pop music. Look elsewhere for electronica, grunge or hip hop: this album features no rapping, no screaming, no scorching guitars.



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## 6) Benedictions (spoken)

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 Images for As You Go on Your Way - Hymnary.org

Lutkin Benediction - The Lord Bless You and Keep You - YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6cf0V62PSU> Matt Redman - Benediction (Lyrics And Chords) - YouTube  
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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T9zygr\\_YDw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T9zygr_YDw) Benediction: The Lord Bless You - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UgGkFamHfs> "Benediction" (Live) - YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4amyhUC4is8> A Clare Benediction - John Rutter and Cambridge Singers, City of London Sinfonia  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu6ZHOztwFA> Aaronic Benediction - YouTube  
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Songs of Farewell and Benedictions: Singing from the Lectionary

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Creative Ideas for Using Scripture in Worship [Paul S. Glass]

Seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter are among the busiest for clergy and leaders of worship. This new book in the popular Creative Ideas series offers a range of easy-to-use other short texts based on the lectionary readings for a variety of services throughout the year. They include: dramatized readings of lectionary texts short and snappy dramatic dialogues exploring biblical readings from a contemporary point of view ideas for using our worship space more creatively ideas for non-lectionary events such as Christingle A book full of ideas to liven up worship through drama and creative writing. The book includes texts for Advent, Christmas, Christingle, Epiphany, Lent, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday.

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### ELCA Bible Studies - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Daily Discipleship and Daily Faith Practices are online downloadable Bible studies based on the lectionary used at Sunday worship. Daily Discipleship is based on the Gospel Lesson and Daily Faith Practices is based on the Second Lesson.

Below is a list of resources you can download or purchase. For more info about a specific resource, just hover over the icon.

<http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Bible-Studies>

[Images for ELCA Bible Studies](#)



### Knowing the Bible by heart: Worship reveals the first language of faith - The Lutheran Magazine

You may think you don't know the Bible at all. But it could be more a part of you than you think.

When you attend worship regularly, parts of the Bible become part of you. A friend of mine grew up singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" as an entrance hymn every Sunday. From that hymn, he knows the scene and story of [Revelation 4](#). Another friend loves the camp song that begins "The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock." Its words are a quotation of [2 Samuel 22:47](#).

Here are two verses of Scripture most people worshipping in ELCA congregations know, even if they don't realize they come from [1 John 1:8-9](#): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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### [PDF]What are the Biblical Roots of Worship - ELCA Resource Repository

Christians can examine the biblical roots of our worship in two key ways: the pattern or shape of worship and the words of worship.

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#### Worship – Theopedia, an encyclopedia of Biblical Christianity

Worship is an active response to the character, words and actions of God, initiated by His revelation and enabled by His redemption, whereby the mind is transformed (e.g. belief, repentance), the heart is renewed (e.g. love, trust), and actions are surrendered (e.g. obedience, service), all in accordance with His will and in order to declare His infinite worthiness.

<http://www.theopedia.com/Worship>

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## 9) Black Church

### Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church by Barbara A. Holmes (Author)

Holmes's research — through oral histories, church records, and written accounts — details not only ways in which contemplative experience is built into African American collective worship but also the legacy of African monasticism, a history of spiritual exemplars, and unique meditative worship practices.

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Images for Barbara A. Holmes (Author)

Images for Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church by Barbara A. Holmes (Author)

### Protest and Praise: Sacred Music of Black Religion by Jon Michael Spencer (Author)

Here is a skillful tracing of two tracks in the evolution of musical genres that have evolved from black religion. Songs of *protest* developed from the spiritual through social-gospel hymnody to culminate in songs of the civil-rights movement and the blues. Born in rebellion, they envision the Kingdom of God.

Songs of *praise*, by contrast, express adoration. Beginning with the "ring-shout," Spencer follows the history of intoned declamation through the tongue song, Holiness-Pentecostal music, and the chanted sermon of the black preacher. Spencer's approach, termed theomusicology, unlocks the wealth of African-American sacred music with a theological key. The result is a fascinating account of a people's struggle with God in history.

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## 10) Characteristics

### Characteristics of Christian Worship » Alban

Christians and congregations bring a host of assumptions about what constitutes Christian worship with them to the service. Rather than allowing these assumptions to catch us in conversation about “good” and “bad” or “right” and “wrong” worship, we can testify to the belief that “at all times and at all places the Holy Spirit helps us to pray” (Rom. 8:26). Liturgical historian James F. White’s seven “categories” for analyzing Christian worship—people, piety, time, place, prayer, preaching, and music—can help congregations talk about worship without getting caught in conversation about individual preferences. While these seven elements of a worship service certainly do not exhaust all possibilities, they provide a manageable set of reference points with which to organize conversation about worship.

### Alban at Duke Divinity School » Characteristics of Christian Worship

<https://alban.org/archive/characteristics-of-christian-worship/>

Images for Characteristics of Christian Worship » Alban

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### Eight Quality Characteristics - Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec

#### 5. Inspiring Worship

Inspiring worship involves both personal and corporate encounter with the living God. Such worship is infused with the Presence of God, resulting in times of joyous exultation and times of quiet reverence. Inspiring worship is not driven by a particular style or ministry focus group – but rather the shared experience of God’s awesome presence.

<http://baptist.ca/churches/church-health/eight-quality-characteristics/>

Images for Eight Quality Characteristics - Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec - Inspiring Worship

### 5 Essential Characteristics of Worship Musicians | Verge Network

I was looking for Christians with character, who fit my church’s culture, were skilled at their craft, and led with their countenance.

Yes, they all start with the letter C. Let’s take a closer look at each characteristic.

<https://www.vergenetwork.org/2014/05/12/5-essential-characteristics-of-worship-musicians/>

Images for 5 Essential Characteristics of Worship Musicians | Verge Network

## 11) Choir

### About - American Choral Directors Association

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) is a nonprofit, professional association of choral conductors that exists to inspire excellence in choral music through education, performance, composition, and advocacy.

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Images for American Choral Directors Association

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### Building the Youth Choir: Training & Motivating Teenage Singers by John Yarrington (Author) - Augsburg Fortress

Yarrington provides practical advice on how to get started, offers techniques that work to establish a good sound, suggests music suitable for youth, deals with the challenge of changing voices, and more.

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### Choir - Wikipedia

A choir (/ˈkwaɪ.ər/) (also known as a quire, chorale or chorus) is a [musical ensemble](#) of singers.

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### Four Functions of a Church Choir - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

As the director of a church choir, I use four functions to explain why the church choir exists and to help determine the programmatic choices that our music ministry makes. These functions are in a specific priority order, but I also believe each function is equally important as they must be present to have a vital music ministry.

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### Many church choirs are dying. Here's why | Religion News Service

The newly released [National Congregations Study](#) finds church choirs are on the downbeat in white Protestant churches across the theological spectrum.

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Images for church choirs are dying

### 9 Reasons to Keep the Church Choir Alive - Patheos

There is much in the article that could be addressed, but instead of offering a blow-by-blow rebuttal, I'd rather take a minute to discuss the unique presence good choral music brings into corporate worship.

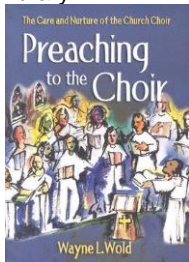
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### Preaching to the Choir: The Care and Nurture of the Church Choir by Wayne L. Wold (Author)

With readable, knowing, and often witty writing, Wayne L. Wold provides helpful guidance for every choir director about the care and nurture of the church choir. His "Eleven Things Not to Say at Choir Rehearsal" alone makes this volume worth adding to your library.



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### The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota - Concordia College

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, continues to affirm its reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs.  
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### The Disappearance of Choirs - Thom Rainer

We welcome Mike Harland back to the podcast to discuss a trend we've noted before – the disappearance of choirs in the church.  
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### [PDF]Your Ministry of Singing in the Church Choir - Amazon AWS

Roger Deschner, minister, teacher, author, musician, academic administrator, mentor, and friend to countless choir members, students, and workshop participants, draws deeply from his own well of experience as music minister in Your Ministry of Singing in the Church Choir. He discusses the biblical foundation of worship and music as well as practical aspects of singing in the church choir. He shows that singing in the choir is an opportunity for real ministry to the congregation, as well as nurture and spiritual growth for the singer. He draws from early Wesleyan hymnbooks for fresh insights into congregational and choral singing.  
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A one-volume reference work designed to aid worship planners in the selection of contemporary song. Organized by the three-year lectionary cycle, this book also contains integrated scriptural, seasonal, and topical indexes. Song collections indexed include *With One Voice*; *This Far by Faith*; *Worship & Praise*; *The Celebration Hymnal*; *Gather Comprehensive*; *Glory & Praise*; *Maranatha! Music Praise*; *Renew!*; *Spirit Calls, Rejoice!*; and *Worship Songs of the Vineyard*.

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### The Imminent Decline of Contemporary Worship Music: Eight Reasons

"Contemporary worship" to me is an oxymoron. Biblically, worship is what angels and morning stars did before creation; what Abraham, Moses and the Levites, and the many-tongued Jewish diaspora at Pentecost did. It is what the martyrs, now ascended, do, and what all believers since the apostles have done. More importantly, it is what we will do eternally; worship is essentially (not accidentally) eschatological. And nothing could celebrate the eschatological forever less than something that celebrates the contemporary now. So ultimately, I think the Apostles' Creed will stick its camel's nose into the liturgical tent, and assert again our celebration of the "holy catholic church, the communion of the saints." The sooner the better.

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### [PDF]What Is Contemporary Worship

What Shall We Call It?

Worship is changing and will continue to change in response to the world around us. Is "contemporary worship" the best label to designate what's happening with worship today? Independent churches that were the early adopters in the 1980s simply called what they did "worship," while a number of worship consultants working today prefer terms like multisensory or multimedia worship. Clearly, no simple division exists between "contemporary" and "traditional" worship, which are each fed by many sources and streams.<sup>11</sup> Whatever it's called, church leaders must continue to grapple with new ways of engaging in this ancient practice called worship.

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### Will Changing the Way We Worship Save the Church? - Patheos

The mega churches say that **contemporary worship** is the answer. If you can come up with a Christian version of popular entertainment, butts will fill the pews (or the stadium-style seating), and you can bait and switch them with a 21st-century version of the gospel.

But that's not exactly what seems to be happening. This truth probably comes as a shock to a lot of people, especially those in the booming, commercial McCongregations: contemporary worship is more pervasive than ever, but young people are still leaving the church, and they're leaving fast.

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## 15) Discipleship

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As people became Christians in the early centuries, one of the major methods of discipleship was participation in the corporate worship of the Church.

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### The Shape of Discipleship in the Contemporary Worship Movement

This seminar explored the fascinating story of how the Contemporary Worship Movement has reshaped worship practices, with particular attention on the theme of discipleship.

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Here are three ways the spiritual discipline of worship contributes to the disciple-making process:

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The four topics we cover related to worship are:

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### Worship Discipleship? - YouTube

Ideas for Planning Worship. This video gives Biblical & Theological direction to designing & leading Corporate Worship that is designed to build Disciples.

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## 16) Diversity

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### Diversity in God-Centered Worship | Desiring God

"Reflect diversity of our congregation and culture."

*We are diverse in what helps us connect with God.* We want to expand the range where we can meet each other. This was implied last week in the "significant range" of Fresh Initiative #2.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/diversity-in-god-centered-worship>

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### Diversity, Worship, and the Creativity of God | Seedbed

Rather than outline a full-fledged theology for diversity, our purpose here is to introduce a summary overview as it pertains to the place of diversity in the creativity of God for the church.



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### One Bread, One Body: Exploring Cultural Diversity in Worship (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) [C. Michael Hawn]

As a troubadour for global music and an instigator of cross-cultural worship for more than 15 years in a variety of denominational settings, including congregational, national, and international venues, Michael Hawn has observed many faithful people who find that a taste of Pentecost in worship is refreshing and invigorating. In *One Bread, One Body: Exploring Cultural Diversity in Worship*, Hawn seeks to help bridge the gap between the human tendency to prefer ethnic and cultural homogeneity in worship and the church's mandate to offer a more diverse and inclusive experience. He offers a rainbow vision of the universal church where young and old joyfully and thoughtfully respond to the movement of God's Spirit in multicultural worship.

Hawn and four colleagues from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas formed a diverse team in ethnicity, gender, academic field of study, and denominational affiliation to study four United Methodist congregations in the Dallas area that are grappling with cross-cultural ministry. Their four case studies illustrate both the pain and the possibilities encountered in capturing the Spirit of Pentecost in worship. Hawn also offers a concise and practical theological framework as well as numerous strategies and an extensive bibliography for implementing "culturally conscious worship." This book is invaluable for congregations that want to undertake the hard work of cross-cultural worship.

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### Drama - Synod Resource Center

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### Dramatix Scripts

Free drama scripts written by Christians around the world.

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### Slice of Life Worship Dramas

Slice of life dramas are a tool to capture the imagination of viewers and communicate good news by telling stories that mirror real life. Slice of Life Worship Dramas also contains helpful hints to assist in launching a drama ministry, working with church leaders, building a team, choosing scripts, and running effective rehearsals. Themes in volume 1 include second chances, courage, doing good, forgiveness, love, spiritual growth, anxiety, kindness, and God's provision and truth. Themes in volume 2 include God's power, sin, transformation, temptation, integrity, outreach, patience, missions, trust, and grief.

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## 18) Early Church

### Early Christian Worship: A Basic Introduction to Ideas and Practice [Paul F. Bradshaw]

For those interested in knowing more about the foundations of their own worship, Paul F. Bradshaw provides in *Early Christian Worship* a sound introduction to worship in the first four centuries of the Church.

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### Worship in the Early Church: An Anthology of Historical Sources (4 vols.) by Johnson, Lawrence J.

*Worship in the Early Church* is a four-volume collection of excerpts from early Christian writings illustrating the Church's liturgical practice in both East and West, from its Jewish beginnings through the end of the sixth century. Source material includes doctrinal and historical treatises, scriptural commentaries, sermons, letters, synodal legislation, early church orders, monastic rules, and baptismal and funeral epigrams. Each author or major selection is preceded by a short introduction containing such information as dates, country of origin, and various other background details. A bibliography of pertinent periodical and liturgical literature is given, as well as a bibliography referencing standard encyclopedias of religion and manuals of patrology.

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### **Worship in the Early Church [Ralph P. Martin]**

An introduction to the New Testament teaching concerning the early Christian principles and practices of corporate worship. Among the topics Martin considers are prayers and praises, creeds and confessions, preaching, offerings, and sacraments.

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### **Worship Services in the Early Church - Albatrus.org**

In the early years of the Church, public worship was engrafted and modelled on the order of synagogues services. It consisted of the following elements, not necessarily in this order -

- Preaching ([Mat 28:20](#); [Act 20:7](#); [1Cor 14:19,29-36](#)).
- Reading of Scripture ([Jam 1:22](#); [Col 4:16](#); [1Th 5:27](#); [Act 13:15](#)).
- Prayer ([1Cor 14:14](#); [16](#)).
- Singing ([Eph 5:19](#); [Col 3:16](#); [Eph 5:14](#); [1Ti 3:16](#)).
- Administering the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper ([Mat 28:19](#); [Act 2:41](#); [1Cor 11:18-34](#)).
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## **19) Emerging Worship**

### **Emerging Worship Conference Day 1 - YouTube**

Join us for our "Emerging Worship Conference" Live from Sojourn Church in Carrollton Texas.

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### **Emerging Worship: Creating Worship Gatherings for New Generations [Dan Kimball, David Crowder, Sally Morgenthaler]**

Churches are aging. Even among megachurches with their modern technology and huge number of members, whole generations are now missing. In order to reach the 18-35 year olds, churches need to incorporate alternative worship services into their ministries that meet the unique needs of the emerging generations. In a conversational, narrative style, author Dan Kimball guides church leaders on how to create alternative services from start to finish. Using anecdotes from his own experience at Graceland, Kimball presents six creative models, providing real-life examples of each type. Emerging Worship covers key topics including

- Developing a prayer team
- Evaluating the local mission field and context

- Determining leaders and a vision-based team
- Understanding why youth pastors are usually the ideal staff to start a new service
- Recognizing the difference in values between emerging worship and the rest of the church
- Asking critical questions beforehand

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### Emerging worship | The Lutheran

I've never liked the term "contemporary" worship. As Lutherans, we really should be talking about intentionally contextual worship that speaks to our communities.

One example is **Immanuel Lutheran Church**, Easton, Calif. Located in the middle of the ranch country of the San Joaquin Valley, Pastor Paul DeMant found a large unchurched population among the local ranchers. In an area where the locals love country gospel music, there were virtually no congregations that offered it in their worship services. The mission response was Easton Country Gospel congregation. Meeting on Sunday nights, the band is country, the crowd is in cowboy hats and gear, and the service speaks the gospel to a growing community in their context.

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### Ever-emerging ELCA Lutheran worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

As the emerging church, we in the ELCA are called to proclaim the unchanging gospel of Jesus Christ to an ever-changing world.

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Images for Ever-emerging ELCA Lutheran worship

### The Emerging Church, Emerging Worship and "U2charist" – The Lutheran

This column will lift up trends in worship beyond regular "Lutheran" circles. Books, Web pages and events will be passed on to fuel your creativity in worship.

**Beginning point** ... Dan Kimball has written two of the definitive books on postmodern worship, *The Emerging Church* and *Emerging Worship*. Use these books and resources at **Vintage Faith** with your worship team.

**Experiential worship** ... Postmodern worship is multisensory, tech-friendly and surrounded with the sounds of current music. A common experience of U2 fans is that their concerts are like going to church. One response to this has been the development of the "U2charist," the merging of a traditional Anglican communion liturgy with songs by U2 as the service music. Beginning in New York with the Rev. Paige Blair (**Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation**), congregations of many denominations have used this service of global concern to reach post-moderns. If Martin Luther could use bar tunes, why not U2?

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## 20) Essence

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And what is the essence - the irreducible, indispensable heart - of true worship?

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## 21) Eucharist

### Eucharist | Christianity | Britannica.com

Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or Lord's Supper, in Christianity, ritual commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, at which (according to tradition) he gave them bread with the words, "This is my body," and wine with the words, "This is my blood."

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Eucharist>

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### Eucharist - Wikipedia

The Eucharist (/ˈjuːkərɪst/; also called Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper, among other names) is a Christian rite that is considered a sacrament in most churches and an ordinance in others.

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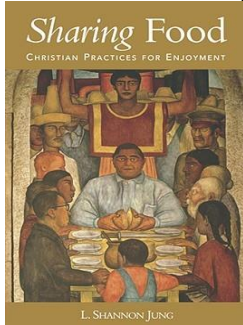
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### Sharing Food: Christian Practices for Enjoyment [L. Shannon Jung]

Our everyday personal, familial, and communal practices of eating, says Jung, have the potential for making us more attentive to our life purposes, more attuned to our communal identities, and even more mindful of the presence of God. Juxtaposing practices with values, Jung explores how food and eating function culturally today. He explores the larger dimensions of personal and group eating, the great resonance that feasting and food and fasting have within the Christian tradition, and how all this figures very practically in Christian lifestyle. His work culminates in a chapter on the Lord's Supper as a model for eating and the **Eucharist** as an occasion for sharing with the worldwide family of God.



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Images for Sharing Food: Christian Practices for Enjoyment [L. Shannon Jung]

### The Eucharist: Bodies, Bread, and Resurrection by Andrea Bieler (Author), Luise Schottroff (Author)

Bieler and Schottroff bring together the best of contemporary scholarship on ritual theory and practice, Eucharistic origins, the Eucharist and eschatology, the Eucharist and world hunger, the global economy, and the dynamics of torture in a dramatic new vision of the transformative power of the Eucharist for our world. Reflection questions lead readers into the issues raised in each chapter.

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## 22) Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly* is the second volume of occasional services, readings, and prayers to be published. Commended for use by the ELCA Church Council in March 2009, this volume contains services relating to congregational life and the church's ministries. The volume is in a larger format suitable for use in worship, with a durable hard cover in the deep red color and convenient ribbons. This book will be invaluable to pastors and other worship leaders as they conduct services uniting the larger church with the local congregation.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship | Pew Edition – Augsburg Fortress

This worship book is more comprehensive than any previous resource — yet it is the same size as the Lutheran Book of Worship. It represents the full breadth of the church, including much that churches know and cherish from existing resources, while incorporating new liturgies, new hymns, and new texts. A prayer resource for worship, at home, and throughout your journey of faith.



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Wikipedia

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) is the current, primary liturgical and worship guidebook and hymnal for use in the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) and the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#), replacing its three predecessors, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW), the *Hymnal Supplement 1991*, published by *GIA Publications* (a Roman Catholic publishing house in Chicago) (an extension of the LBW), and the *With One Voice* (WOV).

The book includes ten musical settings of the liturgy for the [Holy Communion service](#), three of which were previously published in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, as well as a Service of the Word. Morning Prayer (Matins), Evening Prayer (Vespers), and Night Prayer (Compline) are all included, as are occasional and pastoral offices such as baptism, marriage, burial, individual confession, and proper services for [Ash Wednesday](#), [Palm Sunday](#), and the [Triduum](#). [Martin Luther's](#) *Small Catechism* is also printed in the book. Unlike the abbreviated [Psalter](#) included in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, ELW includes the entire [Book of Psalms](#) in a version for congregational prayer and singing. Compared to the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the selection of hymns is expanded, including many options from previously published Lutheran hymnals and hymnal supplements.

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Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship [Paul Westermeyer]

Comprehensive and practical, Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship will be an essential reference resource for pastors, church musicians, other church leaders, and all who are curious or passionate about the church's song across time and

space.

The Hymnal Companion deserves a place in every professional, church, and institutional library. The author gleans the most helpful and useful information about each hymn, while directing the reader to an array of additional sources for those who want to dig more deeply. A glossary and exhaustive indexes round out the volume.

The new Companion aims to provide an accessible one-volume manual that gives the context, origins, and character of all 650 hymn texts in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (#239-893), together with their tunes (over 530 of them). Concise and to-the-point, the essays for the hymns provide information and commentary on the hymn texts with their authors and translators and the tunes with their composers.

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### Keeping Time: The Church's Years (Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship) [Gail Ramshaw, Mons Teig]

This title in the Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship series explores why Christians have different ways of looking at time, at how the life of the church is ordered and organized by days, weeks, seasons, and years. It provides detailed information about Sundays, festivals, seasons and commemorations as well as daily prayer.

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### Prayer Book for the Armed Services | Augsburg Fortress

The first of its kind since World War II, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services was developed with the contributions and review of chaplains and other service members. This durable pocket-sized companion is ideal for those in the military, family and friends of those in active service, veterans, as well as pastors and congregations of those who serve.

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### The Sunday Assembly (Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship) by Lorraine S. Brugh (Author), Gordon W. Lathrop (Author)

Addresses the general principles that have guided the shaping of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, considering that central liturgy of Christian worship, Holy Communion. This text examines how worship interacts with environment, music, and the preached word, and features useful and practical suggestions for all those who lead the assembly in communion.

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## 23) Experience

### Experiential worship | The Lutheran

Imagine going to worship and instead of finding the normal chairs, hymnals and altar, you get blasted in the face with a 90-degree temperature coming from a sanctuary transformed into a desert wilderness complete with sand, rocks, shrubs and heat. Part of the experiential worship series at [Westwinds Community Church](#), Jackson, Mich., Pastor Ron Martoia created an experience that included parts of the historic liturgy—confession, healing, word, sacrament, prayer—and laid it out as a journey for all who entered the doors.

Experiential elements are a growing part of 21st-century worship. Space is opened up for movement and “stations.” The format is that of a journey, with the worshiper as the pilgrim and the liturgy and worship space as the road. Check out [Postmodern Pilgrims](#) by Leonard Sweet, [Experiential Worship](#) by Bob Rognlien (an ELCA pastor), and [Emerging Worship](#) by Dan Kimball.

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### In God's Presence: Encountering, Experiencing, and Embracing the Holy in Worship [N. Graham Standish]

Vibrant worship services, argues creative and provocative author Graham Standish, are those in which the congregation obviously asks questions such as: Does our worship help people experience God? Does our worship open people to the presence of Christ? Does our worship encourage people to become available to the Holy Spirit? Unfortunately, he observes, too many worship services are perfunctory, suggesting that most churches don't think much about how to connect people with God. In *God's Presence* makes the case that congregations must restore intentionality and authenticity to worship in a way that will open people to the Holy. Intentionality, he says, reflects a deep understanding of what tradition has attempted to do, what contemporary people are hungry for, what is going on in our culture, and how to connect the three. Standish advocates what he calls an 'integrated' approach to worship, one that maintains the distinctiveness of each element of worship as a counterpoint to other elements. He first explores the problem of worship in the current church. Then he looks at ways to reconceive worship with an emphasis on restoring the Holy to worship. Finally, he looks at ways to lead a congregation to consider new ways of worshiping. This book is about how to open people to an encounter with the Holy in worship, how to follow God in this pursuit, and how to lead those who have no interest in the Holy.

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### The Experience Economy: Work Is Theater & Every Business a Stage [B. Joseph Pine II, James H. Gilmore]

Future economic growth lies in the value of experiences and transformations - good and services are no longer enough. We are on the threshold, say authors Pine and Gilmore, of the Experience Economy, a new economic era in which all businesses must orchestrate memorable events for their customers. *The Experience Economy* offers a creative, highly original, and yet eminently practical strategy for companies to script and stage the experiences that will transform the value of what they produce. From America Online to Walt Disney, the authors draw from a rich and varied mix of examples that showcase businesses in the midst of creating personal experiences for both consumers and businesses. The authors urge managers to look beyond traditional pricing factors like time and cost, and consider charging for the value of the transformation that an experience offers. Goods and services, say Pine and Gilmore, are no longer enough. Experiences and transformations are the basis for future economic growth, and *The Experience Economy* is the script from which managers can begin to direct their own transformations.

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### What Are Millennials Looking for In a Worship Experience & Environment?

Why is it that the church as an institution has caved to the pressure to present church in a manner that looks just like the outside world's versions of entertainment? As a Gen-Xer I believe that it is a noble intent to reach and engage people. But, sadly it doesn't seem to be working with this generation. They aren't looking to come into our doors and sit in our pews to be coddled, entertained, or lectured.

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### Worship Frames: How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) [Deborah J. Kapp Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Associate Professor of Urban Ministry (Author).

Worship is a congregation's most important practice. In worship, we encounter God's gracious presence and come face to face with the frailty, goodness, and potential of our humanity. We are comforted, corrected, forgiven, healed, challenged, and sometimes even disturbed by the divine and one another. We are morally formed and sent by God into the world. The mysterious and uncontrollable work of the Spirit is at the heart of all genuine worship. Yet worshipers and leaders work hard to worship. In Worship Frames, Deborah Kapp explores how the sociological concept of frames can help us better understand the social and human dynamics of worship. Frames are interpretive schemes or ideas that help people locate, understand, and identify their experiences. For example, opening a service with a period of silent reflection followed by a sober hymn is a different frame for worship than opening with congregational announcements and a loud call-and-response session. She has found that this theory has opened her eyes to dynamics in worship she had not noticed before and best helped her understand differences in worship styles. By understanding our frames, we can learn how to reframe worship to give fuller and richer expression to our faith. Kapp shares her insights with congregations and worship leaders so they will gain new perspectives from which to analyze and design worship and deepen their perceptions about the role worship plays in faith communities.

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## 24) Faith Practices

### Worship

Worship is the practice of "stepping away" from the pattern and press of daily life to intentionally love God. In doing so, the disciple gains a deeper understanding and experience of the majesty, mercy and mystery of God. In worship, we praise God for being God, for being our God! The disciple can "step away" from the routine of the moment to honor God in numerous ways: through participation in the public event of a worship service; through the creative act of art, drama, dance, craft, music and song; through listening to a sermon or receiving the sacrament; through an encounter of God in the beauty of creation, and more. While "worship"



is more than what we often mean by the word “worship,” the maturing disciple acknowledges that the act of corporate worship within the context of a celebrating congregation is key and necessary to a disciple’s walk and life of devotion.

*Part of a disciple’s job description is to worship God regularly.*

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Christian-Education/Discipleship/7-Faith-Practices/Worship.aspx>

Images for disciple’s job description worship God regularly

## Pray

Prayer is the way a disciple enjoys an intimate relationship with God. Prayer can be private or public, ritualized or conversational, silent or out loud, spoken or sung, words or action, simple or profound. Through prayer God’s will is discerned and greater clarity is gained for our journey. Prayer is powerful. Indeed, God’s creative, redeeming and healing power is often directed through prayer. Jesus modeled the power and importance of prayer and provides our inspiration to embrace a prayerful stance toward all moments of life. One of the key ways Jesus showed his love for his Father was by regularly engaging in prayer. Throughout the Gospels we read how Jesus “went up to a mountain to pray” or “knelt down and prayed” or “continued all night in prayer.” As Jesus prayed, he gained a clearer sense of who he was (his identity) and what he was to do (his mission). Before he taught or healed, before choosing the Twelve or submitting his will to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed. Whatever the opportunity or challenge, Jesus turned to his Father first and sought the guidance of God. Prayer is Adoration (praise, honoring God), Confession (saying “I’m sorry,” acknowledging sin, that “I can’t do it on my own”), Thanksgiving (saying thanks, counting blessings, allowing God’s perspective to shape life) and Supplication (asking for, praying for others, petitionary in character) - ACTS. The Lord’s Prayer and Luther’s interpretation in the Small Catechism provide ample instruction for the content and elements of prayer and a prayerful life.

*Part of a disciple’s job description is to pray frequently.*

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Christian-Education/Discipleship/7-Faith-Practices/Pray.aspx>

Images for disciple’s job description pray frequently

## Invite

The experience of God’s loving touch in one’s life is a gift the maturing disciple feels compelled to share with others. One way our faith becomes active is when we put into words what God has done for us. Words of witness and acts of genuine hospitality directed toward our friends, relatives and neighbors create the opportunity through which the Holy Spirit brings others into a relationship with Christ and his church. The biblical model for evangelism is relational: friends bring friends to Jesus. “Come and see” are the operative words and find frequent expression in the Gospels, the story of the early church, and in the tradition of the church over the centuries. The disciple plants seeds and invites; the Holy Spirit works the miracle of faith and conversion.

*Part of a disciple’s job description is to invite others often.*

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Images for disciple’s job description invite others often

## 25) Festivals and Commemorations

### Literary Companion to the Festivals: A Poetic Gathering to Accompany Liturgical Celebrations of Commemorations and Festivals by Mark Pryce

This beautiful volume offers poems and other literary readings to enhance liturgical celebration of the church’s Lesser Festivals and Commemorations.

Drawn from both the Anglican Calendar of Common Worship and the Commemorations in the calendar of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the book marks almost 120 feasts, including chief ones celebrated in each tradition or together. A short note before each passage offers background on the occasion or figure celebrated and suggests the connection with an idea, image, or story associated with the feast or its readings.

The readings themselves are drawn from many centuries and countries – including Britain, Ireland, North America, Africa, and Australia – to bridge literature and liturgy and promote public worship or private prayer through imaginative engagement. Writers include Thom Gunn, Stevie Smith, Niyi Osundare, Charles Causley, Dag Hammarskjöld, and many new voices from around the globe.

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Images for Literary Companion to the Festivals: A Poetic Gathering to Accompany Liturgical Celebrations of Commemorations and Festivals by Mark Pryce

### The New Book of Festivals and Commemorations: Toward a Common Calendar of Saints by Philip H. Pfatteicher (Author)

Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, paralleling Roman Catholics, have all recently made attempts at reforming and updating their respective calendars to reflect their present understanding of saints and their celebrations. Going one step further, renowned liturgical theologian Philip Pfatteicher here seeks to provide a common calendar.



*The New Book of Festivals and Commemorations* picks up on renewed interest in the saints and other heroic figures of faith: apostles and martyrs, historical figures including artists, musicians, and scientists, and such modern men and women as Dag Hammarskjöld. Including Festivals, Lesser Festivals, Commemorations, and optional memorials, each entry comprises a brief biography and bibliography, a related reading, a hymn suggestion, and a prayer.



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## 26) Gathering

### Gathering, word, meal and sending - Living Lutheran

Liturgy is important—not each constituent part—but the basic structure of corporate worship: **gathering**, word, meal and sending. It's a discipline Lutherans willingly undertake because it helps individuals and the entire community express our connection with other Christians throughout the world and across the ages.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/06/gathering-word-meal-and-sending/>

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#### **Gathering**

Whether we meet in a sanctuary, a school gym, an outdoor chapel or a living room, “the core of worship is the people gathering together so that they can talk to God all together,” said Christina Garrett Klein, a pastor of Edgebrook Lutheran Church, Chicago.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/06/worship-101/>

[Images for Scripture readings, sermons and testimonies](#)

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### GatherinG Word Meal SendinG - Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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### The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, **gathers**, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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## What Is the Shape of the Liturgy - ELCA Resource Repository

**Gathering:** "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God" (ELW p. 92) The gathering does just that: it gathers us in preparation for hearing God's word and receiving God's presence in Holy Communion. Elements of the gathering may include song, prayer, confession/baptismal remembrance. It may be very brief or extended depending on local practice, season of the church year or other factors.

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## Worship - Grace Lutheran Church

### Gathering

The first part of the Gathering is the **Invocation**. This is where the pastor, while making the sign of the cross, says, "*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" The congregation, who may make the sign of the cross with the pastor replies, "Amen." This is a simple creed; we are confessing that we believe in the Holy Trinity. It also reminds us that at our Baptism, we were sealed with the sign of the cross.

Next comes the **Confession and Forgiveness**. This starts with a prayer of preparation: "*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God. . .*", followed by a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination. The pastor then begins the confession, and the congregation, while standing, joins in the prayer. Finally, the pastor announces God's forgiveness of all our sins. The pastor announces the forgiveness of sins because Christ, in John 20:22, commands his disciples "*If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.*"

<https://graceclw.com/worship.html>

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## 27) Generations

### How to Increase Worship Attendance – Parish Paper

Does Our Worship Style Connect with All Five **Generations**?

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Does Our Music Connect with All Four **Generations**?

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### How to Transform Worship Visitors into Regular Attendees – Parish Paper

1. The worship music's style and tempo fit peoples' age and spiritual preference. Whether the congregation offers blended worship that contains more than one type of hymn in every service or multiple worship services that offer a different type of hymn in different venues, the positive, uplifting atmosphere created by appropriate music connects with two kinds of people:

- At least three-fourths of worshippers with **pre-1946 birth dates** tend to describe spiritually meaningful worship music with one word: meditation.

- At least three-fourths of worshippers with **post-1945 birth dates** tend to describe spiritually meaningful worship music with one word: celebration.

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[Images for spiritually meaningful worship music meditation](#)

[Images for spiritually meaningful worship music celebration](#)

## Intergenerational Christian Formation: Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community and Worship [Holly Catterton Allen, Christine Lawton Ross]

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4 Most churches and faith communities segment their ministries by age and generation. The kids go to children's church, the teens go to youth group. Worship services are geared toward different generational preferences, and small groups gather people at the same life stage, whether singles, young marrieds, parents or empty nesters. In some congregations, people may never interact with those of other ages. But it was not always so. Throughout biblical tradition and the majority of history, communities of faith included people of all ages together in corporate worship, education and ministry. The church was not just multigenerational; it was intergenerational, with the whole church together as one family and people of all ages learning from one another in common life. In this comprehensive text, Holly Allen and Christine Ross offer a complete framework for intentional intergenerational Christian formation. They provide the theoretical foundations for intergenerationality, showing how learning and spiritual formation are better accomplished through intergenerational contexts. It is not just elders teaching youth; learning also takes place when adults

discover fresh insights from children. Then the authors give concrete guidance for intergenerational praxis on how worship, learning, community and service can all be achieved intergenerationally. Case studies of intergenerational congregations provide models for how a culture of intergenerationality can be created in local churches. This volume serves as an essential guide for all preparing for and involved in congregational ministry and formation. Discover the riches of intergenerational ministry, and let all generations commend the works of God to one another.

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Images for Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community and Worship

### **Spiritual nomads: Exploring the landscape, points of interest of young adults in worship | The Lutheran**

When we read the Gospels in worship, we typically encounter a Jesus in his early 30s: a young adult, something of a spiritual nomad, moving in and out of places of worship.

Yet for a church so focused on the ministry of this young adult, we're often perplexed by questions about young adults in worship. What are today's young adult spiritual nomads seeking in worship? How do they differ from previous generations? Why aren't more of them in worship?

By pursuing any of these questions, we don't just risk overgeneralizing — we guarantee it. But any map of unfamiliar terrain (whether we're mapping a city or the patterns of North American young adults in worship) leaves out some detail in order to highlight landmarks and keep us from being overwhelmed.

Here are some basic landmarks on the wide terrain of North American young adults and worship, as well as three points of interest:

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### **The Church of All Ages: Generations Worshiping Together (Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations) [Howard A. Vanderwell]**

Many congregations today experience collisions between parents who want to spend time with their children and age-segregated church programming, as well as between the children worshiping in their pews and the increasing number of seniors in the same pew. Among the questions these congregations struggle to address are these: Should we try to hold the generations together when we worship? Is it even possible? Led by pastor and resource developer Howard Vanderwell, nine writers--pastors, teachers, worship planners, and others serving in specialized ministries--offer their reflections on issues congregational leaders need to address as they design their worship ministry. In addition, numerous sidebars illustrate the diversity of practices in the church today. Contributors do not propose easy answers or instant solutions. Rather, they guide readers as they craft ministries and practices that fit their own community, heritage, and history. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and group discussion, and an appendix provides guidelines for small group use. The thread that connects these varied contributions is the belief that there is no greater privilege for Christians than worshiping God, and there is no better way to do that than as an intergenerational community in which all are important and all encourage and nurture the faith of the others.

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[Images for vital worship, healthy congregations](#)

### When the Generation Gap Comes to Church | Christian Reformed Church

Bakker and her committee intentionally design worship with all generations in mind. The committee itself has members representing all the different generations in the church, something that Bakker says has led to many interesting conversations as services are planned.

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## 28) Godparenting Sunday

### Godparent | Christianity | Britannica.com

Godparent, formally sponsor (from Latin *spondere*, "to promise"), masculine godfather, feminine godmother, one who stands surety for another in the rite of Christian [baptism](#). In the modern baptism of an infant or child the godparent or godparents make profession of faith for the person being baptized (the godchild) and assume an obligation to serve as [proxies](#) for the parents if the parents either are unable or neglect to provide for the religious training of the child, in fulfillment of baptismal promises. In churches [mandating](#) a sponsor only one godparent is required; two (in most churches, of different sex) are permitted. Many Protestant denominations permit but do not require godparents to join the infant's natural parents as sponsors. In the [Roman Catholic Church](#) godparents must be of the Catholic faith.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/godparent>

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#### The Godparent Book: Ideas and Activities for Godparents and Their Godchildren [Elaine Ramshaw]

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*Church Greeters 101* will help you get started in putting an effective church greeting ministry in place.

Your church can't make an impact if your visitors don't come back. Church Greeters 101 will help you make sure your greeters are NOT the reason visitors stay away from your church.

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Momentary Ministers . . . Most people think it takes a long time--years, months or even days to accomplish something profound, something great for God. The truth of the matter is that church greeters have this opportunity every time someone walks through the doors of their church. Greeters have the awesome ability and opportunity to be an ambassador for the Lord. The pastor's vision is carried on and his ministry is extended through these everyday people. Sound exciting? It is! Learn how to be an outstanding greeter in your local church and start doing something great for God today!

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#### Serving as a Church Greeter [Leslie Parrott, Paul E. Engle]

For: •Individual use •Group training Greeters are the welcoming arms that people long to find in a church. This practical guidebook will help you reach out to people who need to experience the warmth of belonging to a church family. Serving as a Church Greeter

sheds light on •The Ministry of Church Greeters •The Need for Warmhearted Greeters •Developing a User-Friendly Foyer •A Better Way of Doing Things •The Parking Lot Ministry Zondervan Practical Ministry Guides provide you with simple, practical insights for serving in today's churches. Written by experienced pastors and church workers, these easy-to-read, to-the-point booklets address the fundamentals of different ministries as practiced effectively in real life. You'll find biblical insight and wise, field-tested advice you can apply today, as well as discussion questions to help you think through and integrate what you read.

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### Work of the Greeter (Work of the Church) [Paige Lanier Chargois]

The latest volume in Judson Press's classic "Work of the Church" series, this book offers practical information for development and implementation of a more structured hospitality ministry of greeters. Beginning with the biblical precedent for such a ministry in the gate-keepers of the Jerusalem temple, the author goes on to provide detailed suggestions for the recruitment, organization, and function of greeters in the life of the church.

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## 30) Guests

### Attracting Guests to Church — Church Growth Network

Churches with high morale attract and keep guests... and grow! This article shares usable ideas to attract additional guest to your church and help them stay.

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### Beyond the First Visit: The Complete Guide to Connecting Guests to Your Church [Gary L. McIntosh]

All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it that way? Church consultant Gary McIntosh invites readers to take a look at their church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. His starting point, grounded in an understanding of God as a "welcomer," is that churches should see those who enter their doors as not merely visitors, but as guests, and themselves as gracious hosts. This practical book offers sound advice on assessing and improving the ways in which churches attract people, welcome them, do follow-up, and bring them into the church family. It also offers suggestions for making a welcoming attitude part of the very fabric of the local church.

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### Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church [Nelson Searcy, Jennifer Dykes Henson, Steve Stroope]

Creating an environment that both embraces our newcomers and excites them enough to return does not happen by chance. We must be prepared to be effective stewards of those God brings us. And why shouldn't the Church be the epitome of service at its best, as modeled by the greatest server of all time? Built on The Journey Church of the City's Assimilation Seminar, *Fusion* embodies a step-by-step, biblically-grounded, tested and proven plan for establishing a relationship with newcomers that ultimately prompts them to become fully developing members of our congregations. This innovative, practical guide is full of how-to information, testimonials from the recently assimilated and from participating church leaders, examples of the assimilation materials used and check points to make sure the reader is on track. Engaging, informative and immediately applicable, here is help for setting newcomers on the path toward true life transformation and spiritual maturity.

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### How to Lose a First Time Guest In 10 Minutes or Less – Carey Nieuwhof

Is God in control? He most certainly is. God is in control. But you have a role. So, steward it well.

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### How to Wow Your Church Guests: 101 Ways to Make a Meaningful First Impression [Mark L. Waltz]

Have you ever asked the question, "Why aren't visitors coming back to our church?" The truth is: as much as we want new people to visit and stay at our church, we don't always show it. Traditions and routines can get in the way of reaching new people who come through your doors. People who don't yet know they matter to God. People who may be the most important people in the building on any given Sunday.

Inside the pages of *How to Wow Your Church Guests*, you'll discover 101 simple things that send big messages to your guests. Each one will help you consider your church's welcome quotient. Written in a practical, actionable style, even if you only embrace a few of these ideas you'll immediately improve the quality of guest services in your organization. Order one for each leader and influencer in your church. By working together, you can put your best foot forward. Who knows...you might even convince Mr. and Mrs. Jones to give up their coveted parking spot under that shady oak tree!

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### Secrets of a Secret Shopper: Reaching and Keeping Church Guests by Greg Atkinson and Ray Johnston

*Secrets of a Secret Shopper* is a book on the ministry of hospitality, first impressions, and guest services for the local church written by Greg Atkinson for pastors and church leaders. The book covers ten areas of focus including online presence, parking, signage, children's ministry, security, and others.

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The question was very straightforward: "What would you advise churches to do so that guests can have the best experience possible?" Here are their seven top responses:

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### 31) Guitar

#### Jay Beech's Baytone Music

Jay Beech is now the director of [The Center for Worship & Music Studies](#).

With a broad embrace of ALL the musical gifts of God's people, this exciting new first-of-its-kind worship music training program is being formed through a partnership of ELCA Synods.



<http://www.baytonemusic.com/>

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#### John Ylvisaker

John Carl Ylvisaker is perhaps best known for his song, "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry". He was born in Moorhead, Minnesota and is a graduate of Concordia College located there. For more than 50 years John's words and music have been a powerful influence on the development of new worship materials for the church, with his compositions appearing in hundreds of worship resources. He is renowned for his paraphrase of biblical text and theological astuteness, as well as his ability to recognize or write tunes people in the pew can readily sing.

In addition to being an artist and composer, John's past experience includes teaching high school music, directing church choirs, and serving as the producer of SCAN, an award-winning weekly radio program sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). John also has composed much of the original music for Lutheran Vespers radio broadcasts and ELCA videos, as well as theme songs for gatherings and events.

John has inspired audiences with his live performances and worship leadership at the many assemblies, conferences, and gatherings where he has appeared. Currently he is involved in producing recordings of his work. His copyrights cover more than 1,000 songs.



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### Jonathan Rundman

Born and raised in the isolated Finnish-American communities of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Jonathan Rundman has been writing songs and performing across the country since he was 18 years old.



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### Ray Makeever - Home

Ray Makeever was born in Joliet, Illinois, grew up in Ottawa, Illinois, and studied at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa (BA, 1967) and Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (MDiv, 1972). Between receiving degrees at these schools he completed a certificate in human relations training in London, England (1971). From 1972 to the present has been a Lutheran campus pastor at the University of Minnesota, a Consultant for Men's Issues for the American Lutheran Church, an associate for worship and music at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and Augsburg College in Minneapolis, and a music director at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Congregation in Minneapolis. He left the pastoral ministry in 1976 for a career as a song leader and songwriter. He plays the flute and guitar, composes and publishes music, leads workshops, and presents concerts. His most recent song collection is Dancing at the Harvest (Minneapolis, 1997) which includes a CD. He and his wife, Linda Clare Breitag – a singer, songwriter, and folklorist – live in Minneapolis with their daughter, Sophia Ray, their cairn terrier, Beatrix, and tabby cat, Malone.



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## 32) Holy Communion

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[How do we distribute Holy Communion?](#)

[What kinds of bread are used in Holy Communion?](#)

[What kinds of wine are used for Holy Communion?](#)

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[Why and how do we move to weekly communion?](#)

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It goes by several names: Holy Communion, the Eucharist (which literally means "thanksgiving"), mass.

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### 33) Hospitality

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## 34) Intercessions

### In These or Similar Words: Crafting Language for Worship

*In These or Similar Words: Crafting Language for Worship* will guide individuals and groups who wish to prepare new worship texts for their communities. The resource includes:

- some discussion of foundational principles for evaluating sources of language and images used in such texts;
- individual and group exercises to identify and describe your local worshiping community's makeup, values, and sensibilities;
- brief commentaries about "what's going on" in specific liturgical texts within the services of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in Evangelical Lutheran Worship;
- examples of locally crafted language for worship for illustration and inspiration;
- and reproducible pages with practical tips and helps for the actual process of writing new texts.

This resource will guide individuals and groups who wish to prepare new worship texts for their communities.

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Intercession or intercessory prayer is the act of praying to a deity on behalf of others. In Western Christianity, intercession forms a distinct form of prayer, alongside Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving.

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Here's a list of some of the Prayers of **Intercession** on this blog, listed by title or topic.

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### Praying for the Whole World: A Handbook for Intercessors by Gail Ramshaw (Author)

In the intercessions, the assembly asks God to respond to the needs of the whole world. Through these petitions, worshipers enact their baptismal calling to intercede for the well-being of all things.

In many churches, laypersons prepare the prayers of intercession. In this concise, charming, down-to-earth handbook, Ramshaw proposes seven steps, from Monday through Sunday, to assist your crafting of the prayers of the faithful.

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<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/calling-and-working-with-ministers/transition-ministry/commissioning-ritual-for-transit>

### Congregational Transition Resources | Allegheny Synod

#### Liturgies

<http://www.alleghenysynod.org/congregational-transition-resources>

Images for Congregational Transition Resources Liturgies

### Interim Ministry: Positive Change in Times of Transition: Justin W. Tull

Reflection: Discerning our **Worship** Identity

[http://www.amazon.com/Interim-Ministry-Positive-Transition-ebook/dp/B00A61YPE0#reader\\_B00A61YPE0](http://www.amazon.com/Interim-Ministry-Positive-Transition-ebook/dp/B00A61YPE0#reader_B00A61YPE0)

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### Reception/Installation of an Interim Pastor - Synod Resource Center

[http://synodresourcecenter.org/admin/personnel/synod\\_staff\\_resources/0002/install\\_interim.html](http://synodresourcecenter.org/admin/personnel/synod_staff_resources/0002/install_interim.html)

Images for Reception/Installation of an Interim Pastor - Synod Resource Center

### Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry [Roger S. Nicholson]

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<http://www.amazon.com/Temporary-Shepherds-Congregational-Handbook-Ministry/dp/1566992087>

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Interim Ministry Association Serving the ELCA. The Newsletter. Fall 2007.      Page 5

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Interim-Ministry-Association/Newsletter.aspx>

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### [PDF] Virginia Synod Call Process Handbook

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<http://www.vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Printable-Handbook-Current.pdf>

Images for SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF THE CONGREGATION CALL COMMITTEE

### When a New Ministry Commences: Nine Things to Remember

9. **Worship** and prayer are the foundations of your life and service.

[http://www.ministryhealth.net/mh\\_articles/165\\_is\\_new\\_ministry\\_commences.html](http://www.ministryhealth.net/mh_articles/165_is_new_ministry_commences.html)

Images for When a New Ministry Commences: Nine Things to Remember

#### Worship

Tell about the worship and music ministry. What is it like?

What are the highlights and lowlights of worship?

Is it relevant to people who are here?

Is it relevant to the people in your community who are not yet here?

Are there gifts present that are not utilized?

What is the purpose of your worship?

Comprehensive Ministry Review. Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson. Assistant to the Bishop. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Director for Evangelical Mission. [lskow-anderson@nswsi.org](mailto:lskow-anderson@nswsi.org)

<http://nswsi.org/about-us/our-staff>

<https://www.facebook.com/lskowanderson>

Images for tell about the worship and music ministry

### 36) Jazz Vespers

#### Jazz Vespers: A Contemporary Riff on an Ancient Prayer

In this tradition, our jazz vespers service is formulated for “fringe” folks, for those not comfortable in a regular church service. Held in the campus coffee house, with its laid-back and interactive environment, the service is an eclectic mix of corporate prayer, spoken verse, ambient art, and live jazz. Through these elements, we walk through an ancient service of prayer (vespers) in a creative, informal, and multisensory way.

<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-2003/jazz-vespers-contemporary-riff-ancient-prayer-service>

Images for Jazz Vespers: A Contemporary Riff on an Ancient Prayer

#### Jazz Vespers - All Saints Church

The All Saints Jazz Vespers program brings together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration six times a year for a service of prayer, meditation and music.

<http://www.allsaints-pas.org/worship/jazz-vespers/>

Images for Jazz Vespers - All Saints Church



### Jazz Vespers | Christ Church Rockville

Join Christ Church on selected Sundays between September and May for this musical celebration of evening prayer. Fr. John McDuffie on tenor saxophone leads a quartet of great Washington musicians on keyboard, bass and drums, playing modern jazz standards selected to reflect the liturgical season.

<http://www.christchurchrockville.org/worship/jazz-vespers>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\\_9QoOmFuSw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_9QoOmFuSw) Jazz Vespers at Christ Church Rockville - YouTube

Images for Jazz Vespers | Christ Church Rockville

### Jazz Vespers - Jazz Ministry | The Rev. Norm Freeman

The Jazz Vespers Service is itself a synthesis of several traditions, each finding a unifying voice through the unique musical heritage that we call jazz.

<http://www.jazzministry.org/jazz-vespers>

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<https://www.facebook.com/norm.freeman.9>

### Jazz Vespers – Saint Peter's Church

Each Sunday at 5:00 P.M. an open community gathers for prayer and reflection on the lines of jazz.

<http://saintpeters.org/jazz/jazz-vespers/>

Images for Jazz Vespers – Saint Peter's Church

## 37) Leadership

### Leading Worship Matters: A Sourcebook for Preparing Worship Leaders by 28 Contributors

A comprehensive guide with practical, succinct, easy-to-use tools and resources to support, plan, execute, and evaluate lay worship leadership development. More than 30 contributors have provided helps and training materials for assisting ministers, readers, intercessors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, communion ministers, altar guild, tech ministers, musicians, children's sermon ministers, and those who care for the worship space. Practical help and support is also provided for both new and seasoned worship leaders through a reproducible library of helpful topics. Includes a CD-ROM and DVD.

*Leading Worship Matters* is a valuable resource for congregations that want to prepare their worship leaders for a ministry—not just a task—and that want to renew their worship life and deepen their understanding of worship as mission.

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18836/Leading-Worship-Matters-A-Sourcebook-for-Preparing-Worship-Leaders>

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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXEX4IjE20aa74aEAS0fAE-Gvmsg1rxv> Leading Worship Matters – YouTube

Images for Leading Worship Matters – YouTube

### Marva Dawn: Non-negotiable Traits of a Worship Leader - YouTube

What are some of the non-negotiable traits of the worship leader? In this video interview, Marva Dawn shares about the importance of a worship leader's community, devotional life, Trinitarian orientation, and rehearsal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BThemYCBDPm>

Images for Marva Dawn: Non-negotiable Traits of a Worship Leader - YouTube

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/196962183681654024/> Theologian and author Marva Dawn talks her frustration with schmaltz in worship.

### Stilling the Storm: Worship and Congregational Leadership in Difficult Times (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) [Kathleen S. Smith]

When congregations go through difficult times, worship will both reflect and influence those difficulties. The practice of worship itself can be a key part of the congregation's healing process. Teacher and consultant Kathleen Smith successfully demonstrates this truth in *Stilling the Storm*, a book for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the ways that worship intertwines with the life and health of a congregation. There are three main types of difficulty congregations can face: times of crisis, transition, and conflict. Smith considers their differences, similarities, and implications for worship, and explains the congregational dynamics that accompany such times and the roles that leaders play. She reviews basic principles of worship and the ways that unique moments and regular habits of worship shape the congregation. For each type of difficulty, she suggests important themes for congregations and their worship planners. Smith explores the wide range of liturgical resources available for congregations going through difficult times and how those resources can best be shaped to fit the specific situation they are experiencing. A perceptive guide to the worship we offer to God in all times and situation, *Stilling the Storm* is an important resource for all congregations of all worship traditions.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stilling-Storm-Congregational-Leadership-Difficult/dp/156699327X>

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<https://www.librarything.com/series/The+Vital+Worship.+Healthy+Congregations+Series>

Images for Vital Worship Healthy Congregations

### The Art of Curating Worship: Reshaping the Role of Worship Leader [Mark Pierson, Dan Kimball]

Written by Mark Pierson, one of the pioneers in worship curation, this exciting new book explains why effective worship needs to be seen as an art form made up of a series of art works, rather than a mechanistic task of filling in the gaps in an order of service. At the heart of this new way of thinking about worship is the role of the worship curator. Many practical examples are used to illustrate ways in which worship, both inside and outside the church building, can be curated and delivered for spiritual formation and mission.

*The Art of Curating Worship* provides a new language and practice for designing worship with the potential for transforming our experience of God. *The Art of Curating Worship* promotes a new vocabulary to help worship curators work out how and why and where worship can best engage their community, inside and outside the church, in transformative encounters with God.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Art-Curating-Worship-Reshaping/dp/1451400845>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9420/The-Art-of-Curating-Worship-Reshaping-the-Role-of-Worship-Leader>

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Images for Dan Kimball, author

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### The New Pastor's Guide to Leading Worship [Barbara Day Miller]

A down-to-earth guide to planning and implementing meaningful worship experiences for pastors, written especially for those new to the job. This practical book is for new pastors as they move into the role of worship leader and planner. When faced with the weekly rhythm of planning and leading worship, new pastors sometimes find themselves overwhelmed with the tasks. The book centers on the pastor and his/her identity as worship leader, on guidelines for leadership, and on the 'why' and 'how' of worship services. Contents include: The Pastor as Leader; Leading on Your First Sunday; Rituals: "The way we do it here"; Leading in the Worship Service; Leading Prayer; Leading Communion; Leading Baptism; Leading through the Christian Year; Leading with Musicians; Leading the People into Leadership.



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Images for The New Pastor's Guide to Leading Worship [Barbara Day Miller]

#### [PDF] The Role of the Pastor as the Primary Worship Leader in the Local Church

The purpose of this project is to encourage pastors to embrace their role as the principle worship leader, rather than to accept and believe "I am not the worship leader." This thesis project investigates and examines a senior pastor's theological duty and obligation as the worship leader of his or her church and provides the biblical mandate and approaches for how to do this effectively and as a team leader. Through personal interviews of six pastors, plus current research on the topic of worship, this thesis provides instructions on how senior pastors may implement strategies to enhance their understanding of the benefits of being the worship leader of the congregation.

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### 38) Lectionary

#### Lectionary for Worship, Ritual Edition, Year A | Augsburg Fortress

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#### Lectionary - Wikipedia

A lectionary (Latin: *Lectionarium*) is a book or listing that contains a collection of [scripture](#) readings appointed for [Christian](#) or [Judaic](#) worship on a given day or occasion. There are sub-types such as a "gospel lectionary" or [evangelary](#), and an [epistolary](#) with the readings from the [New Testament Epistles](#).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lectionary>  
Images for lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a [lectionary](#) of readings or [pericopes](#) from the Bible for use in [Protestant Christian worship](#), making provision for the [liturgical year](#) with its pattern of observances of festivals and seasons. It was preceded by the Common Lectionary, assembled in 1983, itself preceded by the COCU Lectionary, published in 1974 by the [Consultation on Church Union](#) (COCU). This lectionary was derived from various [Protestant](#) lectionaries in current use, which in turn were based on the 1969 *Ordo Lectionum Missae*, a three-year lectionary produced by the [Roman Catholic Church](#) following the reforms of the [Second Vatican Council](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised\\_Common\\_Lectionary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revised_Common_Lectionary)  
Images for Revised Common Lectionary

#### Literary Companion to the Lectionary: Readings throughout the Year [Mark Pryce]

This beautiful book offers poems and literary pieces for Sundays and principal feasts throughout the liturgical year. Each selection relates to an aspect of the Scripture readings for the Eucharist in the *Revised Common Lectionary*, the Roman Catholic lectionary, and the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Drawn from many centuries and many countries—including Britain, Ireland, North America, Africa, and Australia, these readings bridging literature and liturgy can prompt private prayer or public worship through imaginative engagement. A short note before each passage connects with an idea, image, or story found in one of the biblical readings or the seasonal theme. From Robert Herrick to Brendan Kennelly, from Christina Rossetti to Emily Dickinson, from Dante to Monica Furlong, the poets, novelists, and playwrights gathered here bring an added dimension that graces the life of the church.

<http://www.amazon.com/Literary-Companion-Lectionary-Mark-Pryce/dp/0800634640>  
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<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-2004/books-literary-companion-lectionary-literary-companion-festivals>  
Images for Mark Pryce (author)  
Images for Literary Companion to the Lectionary: Readings throughout the Year [Mark Pryce]

#### Readings for the Assembly: New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), Emended: Revised Common Lectionary: Cycle A by Gordon W. Lathrop (Editor), Gail Ramshaw (Editor)

<http://www.amazon.com/Readings-Assembly-Revised-Standard-Lectionary/dp/0806604344> Cycle A  
<http://www.amazon.com/Readings-Assembly-Preaching-Revised-Lectionary/dp/0806623322> Cycle B  
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### The Revised Common Lectionary: 20th Anniversary Annotated Edition [Consultation on Common Texts]

For twenty years now the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) has been doing its work among us... It has had to win its way simply by its own excellence and by the appeal of the idea of reading the scriptures on Sundays and feast days in concert with other Christians in churches across the world as a sign of our unity in Jesus Christ."

— from the introduction by Gordon Lathrop

This edition includes the definitive list of RCL citations together with a new comprehensive introduction and notes to the reading sets, illuminating the origin and development of the lectionary that is explored weekly by thousands of preachers, worship leaders, and students of scripture.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Revised-Common-Lectionary-Anniversary/dp/1451436033>

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<http://www.commontexts.org/>

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### 32 best Lectionary Resources images on Pinterest

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Images for Lectionary Resources on Pinterest

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### Treasures Old and New: Images in the Lectionary by Gail Ramshaw (Author)

In *Treasures Old and New*, Gail Ramshaw illuminates forty primary images from the three-year lectionary. With each of the images she considers related terms, exploring a total of nearly two hundred words and phrases in light of biblical history, typological relationships, poetic nuances, metaphoric meanings, and liturgical year connections.

Sample constellations of images include: Creation: beginning, creation, firstborn, new creation, virgin birth; Fire: ashes, burning bush, fire, tongues; Light: blindness, darkness, day, light, morning star, night, sight, star, sun; Treasure: gifts, gold-frankincense-myrrh, pearl, rich fool, treasure, widow's coin; Water: exodus, flood, Jordan, river, sea, water, well.

*Treasures Old and New* offers a guide to rich symbolic speech for those who preach and teach yet remains accessible and inviting to the reader seeking a resource for devotion and meditation on the scriptures. Extensively indexed to support the Revised Common Lectionary as well as the Roman Catholic lectionary.

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Images for Gail Ramshaw (Author)

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### 39) Lectors

#### Blessing of Lectors

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## 40) Liturgy

### Caring Liturgies: The Pastoral Power of Christian Ritual [Susan Marie Smith]

Caregiving practices in churches often center around listening and giving counsel, making referrals, and creating support groups for specific needs. In *Caring Liturgies*, Susan Marie Smith proposes that Christian ritual is both a method and a means for helping people through liminal times of transition and uncertainty, even vulnerability and fear. It teaches readers to recognize the ritual needs of fellow Christians and thus create post-baptismal rites of passage and healing that might strengthen and support them in the fulfillment of their ministries.

The book extends the usefulness of denominational "occasional services" books and other resources by suggesting ways to build a rite around a central symbolic action, pointing out issues of ritual honesty and ethics, and identifying skills and attributes necessary to preparing and leading a rite. Numerous narrative examples help to flesh out the principles and illustrate the key argument: that rituals are necessary means to enable human growth and maturity, both through times of suffering and times of transition, and that ritual-making leaders are central to the ongoing health of the church.

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### Christian Liturgy: Catholic and Evangelical [Frank Senn]

Written with special attention to Early Church, Reformation, and present day traditions, this is a new comprehensive study of Christian liturgy that sorts out essential elements from what is peripheral in the Church's practice of word and sacrament. Senn traces the story of Christian liturgy in light of the church's public rites. Senn's study focuses on liturgical practices that are catholic - in continuity with the whole historic tradition -- and evangelical -- Gospel-centered in its forms of proclamation and celebration. Exploring the liturgy from an ecumenical perspective and context, the author uses a comparative studies approach to the liturgy, drawing on the insights of anthropology, biblical studies, general history, church history, historical theology, and musicology.



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### **Embodied Liturgy: Lessons in Christian Ritual. Frank C. Senn (Author) | Fortress Press**

*Embodied Liturgy* marks a “return to the body” in thinking about Christian liturgy and sacramental practice. Rooted in phenomenology and incarnational theology, the book gives primary focus to the body as it considers the prayer offices and the liturgical calendar, sacrifices and sacraments, initiation and vestments, ritual theory and play, word and meal, fasting and feasting, penance and celebration, rites of passage, cultural perspectives, and the role of art, music, dance, and drama in worship. The author invites readers to return to the experience of their own body through guided yogic exercises. As a text for students and liturgical practitioners, the volume gives fresh voice to the experience and practice of worship as bodily acts. *Embodied Liturgy* is a dynamic, accessible new resource in liturgical and sacramental theology from one of the premiere scholars in the field. Frank C. Senn distills an established legacy of expertise in an innovative and inviting perspective on bodily acts of worship.

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### **Introduction to Christian Liturgy [Frank C. Senn]**

Designed as a general introduction to Christian liturgy, this book explores the meaning, history, and practice of worship in Eastern and Western, Catholic and Protestant traditions. Its chapters cover the theology of worship, the historical development of Eucharist and the Prayer Offices, the lectionary and customs of the church year, other sacramental rites, and the use of music and the arts. As such, it is a perfect textbook for students seeking to understand the basics of liturgical worship, as well as a reliable guide for worship leaders.

Written in the form of a handbook and designed with questions and answers for easy reference, *Introduction to Christian Liturgy* will help both novice and experienced worship leaders make informed decisions in their liturgical choices and practices.

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### **New Creation: Elements of a Liturgical Worldview | Fortress Press by Frank C. Senn (Author)**

Although the twentieth century witnessed a thorough liturgical revival and renewal, the last ten years exploded in diverse and conflicting styles, settings, and even media of corporate worship: traditional “high-church” liturgies, alternative worship for small communities, “women church” services, seeker services at megachurches, and more. Does this innovation portend a brave new liturgical world, or is it just “dumbing down?” For example, do megachurch services simply revive the old frontier revival and, in an effort to “reach out,” accommodate Christianity to the reigning consumer culture?

One of today’s most knowledgeable liturgical theologians and historians contemplates the future shape of liturgy. He believes that ritual systems—liturgy—express and inculcate a worldview, an implicit theology; and, he fears “lest the community of faith gain the whole world and lose its soul.” *New Creation* proposes the lines of a “Christian culture” or worldview, or way of life, that can inform liturgical renewal. Twelve erudite and earnest chapters further specify this counter-cultural matrix as it pertains to God, Christ, church, creation, world, worship, hospitality, culture, evangelism, prayer, and life itself.

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### **The People's Work: A Social History of the Liturgy [Frank Senn]**

Distinguished liturgical historian and theologian Frank Senn here ventures behind the liturgical screen, behind the texts, and behind the rubrics to reconstruct the everyday religious expression in Christian history. Senn's magisterial *Christian Liturgy: Catholic and Evangelical* (1997) has been widely hailed not only for its comprehensive treatment of Christian liturgy in all ages and communions but also for its appreciation of the dynamic role of culture in shaping liturgical expression. In *The People's Work*, Senn delves further into the cultural home of liturgy, judiciously and insightfully looking at processions and pilgrimage, communion practices and spiritual reading, fasting and feasting - all the myriad liturgical practices that have been the concrete life and primary work of the body of Christ.

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### **The Witness of the Worshiping Community: Liturgy and the Practice of Evangelism by Frank C. Senn (Author)**

Contents that the church growth movement runs the risk of losing its roots in return for gaining members. He shows how churches should evangelize through authentic worship that puts people in touch with the source of Christian life. Especially pertinent for Protestant congregations.

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### **Christian Worship: 100,000 Sundays of Symbols and Rituals [Gail Ramshaw]**

This unique textbook not only lays out the religious-studies framework of a contemporary understanding of worship, it also offers a full history of Christian worship in each historical period, including the American experience. In light of this history of experiences, Ramshaw finally addresses ongoing issues in our understanding of Christian Worship (gender, authority, ethics, skepticism) and places them into an explicitly cross-religious framework with Islam, Judaism, and other religions. Gail Ramshaw is one of today's most important and influential thinkers about **liturgy**, is also a dedicated college professor with a keen sense for how to approach the full array of Christian worship experience in light of the contemporary study of religion.



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#### Holy Conversation: Spirituality for Worship [Jonathan Linman]

Despite widespread interest in spirituality, its most common corporate form, congregational worship, is rarely discussed in those terms. This book explores **liturgical** spirituality as a holy conversation between God and us.

Linking the themes of spirituality and worship and giving each needed focus in ways that are biblically and theologically rich and consistent with ecumenical traditions, this book specifically explores the relationship of sacred reading (lectio divina) to worship. Linman sees this practice as one element in the larger liturgical action of Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. Our "spiritual worship" (cf. Rom 12:1), he argues, is the holy conversation between worshipers and the triune God who leads us to greater participation in Christ and to transformation through Christ's presence.

Raising important issues for worship renewal and interspersed with practical insights and suggestions, this book serves as a primer for those who want to more fully learn how to worship, and, through the power of the Spirit, to deepen their awareness of the encounter with Christ made known in Word and Sacrament.

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#### Holy Ground: A Liturgical Cosmology [Gordon W. Lathrop]

This latest work from leading liturgical theologian Gordon Lathrop explores the extent to which the central symbols and interactions of Christian liturgy yield, for their participants, a new proposal for their understanding and experience of the world. In the process, it considers various kinds of world-making, the diverse maps, and the differing senses of "cosmology" in which we all live. Finally, the book examines how certain liturgical reforms can contribute to a refreshed sense of ecological ethics—to a Christian sense of the holiness of the earth itself.



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### Holy People: A Liturgical Ecclesiology [Gordon W. Lathrop]

This sequel to Gordon Lathrop's highly successful *Holy Things* is an exercise in liturgical theology, viewing the activities of worship as a means of defining and discussing the concept "church." It centers on community and assembly to discuss the sacraments. It focuses on ecumenism and inculturation as central test cases for a liturgically derived idea of church. In hopes of invigorating the local church, Lathrop explores the meaning of the term "church," the relationship of the local liturgical assembly and other Christian assemblies (catholicity); the personal and communal character of liturgical assembly; the unity of the churches; the critical principles of liturgy and culture; openness to what is radically other; and liturgical evangelization. Lathrop's work grounds a notion of church that is personal yet communal, universal, but not triumphalistic.

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### Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology [Gordon W. Lathrop]

Cyril of Jerusalem wrote about "holy things." He thereby reflected the communion invitation used in his fourth-century liturgy to call people to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (*Mystagogical Catecheses*).

The present times call for strong and healthy symbols that hold people into hope. The Christian communities need a reintroduction into the ways in which liturgical symbols respond to human need. Indeed, Lathrop argues, Christian communities continually need to reconsider the meaning of their liturgies and reform those liturgies toward authentic clarity. In its three parts, this book (1) proposes that an ecumenical pattern or *ordo* of worship can be discerned which is also a pattern of meaning, (2) discusses the ways in which meaning occurs in the meeting for worship itself, and (3) draws practical conclusions about the organization of that meeting and its importance to current human need.

Throughout, Lathrop undertakes to do theology, that is, to say what the liturgy actually says about God.

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#### Christian Assembly: Marks of the Church in a Pluralistic Age [Gordon W. Lathrop, Timothy J. Wengert]

What is church? What makes the church one? While these questions may seem innocuous, church has become conflicted territory, with internal factions, external pressures, and ecumenical turmoil all calling for a more positive, sturdy, more resilient notion of Christian community.

Wengert approaches the questions as a Reformation historian. He shows how the New Testament notion of "marks" of the church was taken up by Martin Luther and developed by Phillip Melancthon not as a descriptive tag but as a criterion for authenticity in Christian community. Lathrop, a **liturgical** theologian, shows concretely how those marks can stamp the worship life of a congregation as well as the evaluative work of congregations with their pastors, bishops, superintendents, and conference ministers. This volume originated as six lectures jointly presented to the Academy of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2001.

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#### The Pastor: A Spirituality by Gordon W. Lathrop (Author)

Renowned **liturgical** theologian Gordon Lathrop has composed a rich, meditative, and explicitly ecumenical spirituality for working pastors – whatever and wherever they are called: preachers, priests, elders, ministers, seminarians.

In Part One Lathrop urges pastors to become lifelong students of the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Commandments, continually inhabiting the questions, reversals and paradoxes of Christian life.

In Part Two he elaborates on the pastor's chief activities – presiding at the holy table, preaching, collecting for the poor – "as the center and focus for pastoral identity and spirituality." Lathrop invites pastors to re-center their busy lives on God and fuel their ministry through prayer.

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#### Liturgies of the Western Church [Bard Thompson]

The liturgies of the Word and the Lord's Supper that are included in this volume range from those of the church fathers Justin Martyr and Hippolytus through the Roman Mass (in both Latin and English), to the great Reformation liturgies of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, Baxter, and Wesley, as well as the Middleburg Liturgy of the English Puritans and the Westminster Directory. In addition to his translations, Thompson draws upon copies of many original documents to insure accuracy. An introduction, which places the liturgy within its tradition, accompanies each text.

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**Liturgy as a Way of Life: Embodying the Arts in Christian Worship (The Church and Postmodern Culture) by Bruce Ellis Benson (Author), James Smith (Series Editor)**

How do the arts inform and cultivate our service to God? In this addition to an award-winning series, distinguished philosopher Bruce Ellis Benson rethinks what it means to be artistic. Rather than viewing art as practiced by the few, he recovers the ancient Christian idea of presenting ourselves to God as works of art, re-envisioning art as the very core of our being: God calls us to improvise as living works of art. Benson also examines the nature of liturgy and connects art and liturgy in a new way. This book will appeal to philosophy, worship/liturgy, art, music, and theology students as well as readers interested in engaging issues of worship and aesthetics in a postmodern context, including Christian artists and worship leaders.

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**Liturgy - Wikipedia**

Liturgy (Greek: λειτουργία) is the customary public worship done by a specific religious group, according to its particular beliefs, customs and traditions.

The word, sometimes rendered by its English translation "service", may refer to an elaborate formal ritual such as the Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy (Greek: Θεία Λειτουργία), Catholic Mass, the Eucharist or Mass (Anglican Communion) or a daily activity such as the Muslim salat<sup>[1]</sup> and Jewish services. As a religious phenomenon, liturgy is a communal response to the sacred through activity reflecting praise, thanksgiving, supplication, or repentance. Ritualization may be associated with life events such as birth, coming of age, marriage and death. It thus forms the basis for establishing a relationship with a divine agency, as well as with other participants in the liturgy. Methods of dress, preparation of food, application of cosmetics or other hygienic practices are all considered liturgical activities.

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**Our common work: Through liturgy, we build our worship | The Lutheran**

Liturgy is a household word for many Lutherans. Just like washing the car or cooking supper, liturgy is what we who are members of ELCA congregations do regularly. Do we know what we mean, though, when we talk about the *liturgy*? Is it a historic relic or a dynamic source for our ongoing worship? Is it a resource for us or an obstacle? Does the liturgy connect us to God, our Lifesource, or leave us disengaged? What do we, as Lutherans today, value about liturgy?

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### Our Lutheran liturgy: Raising a shout for its biblical roots - The Lutheran Magazine

Newcomers to the Lutheran church often ask why we do what we do in worship. But even those of us who have been in the church all our lives may not always know exactly what we are doing and why. We can renew our sense of worship with a single question: How does our liturgy relate to the Bible?

Liturgy, a Greek word meaning "service," was taken over by Christians ([Romans 12:1](#)) to describe Christian worship of God. *Gottesdienst*, the German word for "worship," still relates to that Greek meaning. It literally means "service of God."

And in Lutheran worship, more than almost any other Christian group, we emphasize not so much how we serve God as how, surprisingly, God serves us in worship.

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### Ritualizing Nature: Renewing Christian Liturgy in a Time of Crisis (Theology & the Sciences) [H. Paul Santmire]

Is the Christian faith ecologically bankrupt? Theologian H. Paul Santmire has responded forcefully to that frequently voiced question by maintaining that, notwithstanding ambiguities, a single Christian tradition of long standing has something profoundly promising to say about nature and human life in nature.

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### Sacred Drama: A Spirituality of Christian Liturgy by Patricia Wilson-Kastner (Author)

Patricia Wilson-Kastner's wonderfully crafted work views the liturgy as a cosmic drama, enacting a sacred meal that grounds us in the universe, draws us into God's creation and redemption, and poses stiff ethical challenges "deep in our bones" to Christians in community. "Liturgy reconnects us with God and with all creation, rekindles in us the vision of the restoration of all in God, and clarifies and nourishes again in us the hope in which we can live now in justice, peace, and love with each other," she says.

Though we don't have all the details of this script, we are deeply implicated in the plot.

A gifted preacher and writer, and no stranger to church battles, Wilson-Kastner brings a confident faith in the transforming power of worship. Her rich, ecumenically oriented introduction to the liturgy leverages people's great hunger for spirituality and community into deep commitment to justice within church and society.

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### The Church in Act: Lutheran Liturgical Theology in Ecumenical Conversations by Maxwell E. Johnson - Fortress Press

*The Church in Act* explores the dynamics of ecclesial and liturgical theology, examining the body of Christ in action. Maxwell E. Johnson, one of the premier liturgical specialists in the field, provides in this volume historical and doctrinal thinking on a diversity of liturgical subjects under the umbrella of Lutheran liturgical theology and in ecumenical conversation. The topics under consideration range from baptismal spirituality to Eucharistic concerns, including real presence, pneumatology, and reservation; discussions on what constitutes liturgical normativity, the diverse hermeneutical approaches to the *Revised Common Lectionary*, and the place of Mary in ecumenical dialogue and culture (especially Latino-Hispanic); issues of full communion based on a liturgical reading of the Augsburg Confession VII; and specific questions related to liturgy and ecumenism today in light of recent translation changes in Roman Catholic practice. Together, the volume offers a robust account of the liturgical, sacramental, and spiritual practices of the church for scholars, students, pastors, and others who seek to minister in an ecumenical context with increased understanding and insight.

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#### Worship: God Gives a Liturgical Pattern by J.I. Packer - Monergism

Worship in the Bible is the due response of rational creatures to the self-revelation of their Creator. It is an honoring and glorifying of God by gratefully offering back to him all the good gifts, and all the knowledge of his greatness and graciousness, that he has given. It involves praising him for what he is, thanking him for what he has done, desiring him to get himself more glory by further acts of mercy, judgment, and power, and trusting him with our concern for our own and others' future well-being. Moods of awestruck wonder and grateful celebration are all part of it: David danced with passionate zeal "before the LORD" when he brought up the ark to Jerusalem and sat in humble amazement "before the LORD" when he was promised a dynasty, and his worship evidently pleased God on both occasions (2 Sam. 6:14-16; 7:18). Learning from God is worship too: attention to his word of instruction honors him; inattention is an insult. Acceptable worship requires "clean hands and a pure heart" (Ps. 24:4) and a willingness to express one's devotion in works of service as well as in words of adoration.

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### Lord's Day - Wikipedia

The Lord's Day in [Christianity](#) is generally [Sunday](#), the day of communal [worship](#). It is observed by most Christians as the weekly memorial of the [resurrection of Jesus Christ](#), who is said in the [canonical Gospels](#) to have been witnessed alive from the dead early on the first day of the week. The phrase appears in [Rev. 1:10](#).

According to some sources, Christians held corporate worship on Sunday in the 1st century.<sup>[1]</sup> An early example of Christians meeting together on a Sunday for the purpose of "breaking bread" and preaching is cited in the New Testament book of Acts ([Acts 20:7](#)). 2nd-century writers such as [Justin Martyr](#) attest to the widespread practice of Sunday worship ([First Apology](#), chapter 67), and by 361 AD it had become a mandated weekly occurrence. During the [Middle Ages](#), Sunday worship became associated with [Sabbatarian](#) (rest) practices. Some Protestants today (particularly those theologically descended from the [Puritans](#)) regard Sunday as [Christian Sabbath](#), a practice known as [first-day Sabbatarianism](#). (Some Christian groups hold that the term "Lord's Day" can only properly refer to [seventh-day Sabbath](#) or [Saturday](#).)

Sunday was also known in patristic writings as the eighth day.

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### The Lord's Day: A Theological Guide to the Christian Day of Worship [Paul K. Jewett]

In this popularly written book Jewett is saying two things: first, that the Christian day of worship has been Sunday since the first Easter Sunday, and second, that both the theological interpretation of this day and the religious observance of it are determined by the OT (Jewish) Sabbath.

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### What is the Lord's day? - Got Questions?

Answer: The Lord's day (as distinguished from the day of the Lord) is Sunday. The term Lord's day is used only once in Scripture. Revelation 1:10 says, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet."

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## 42) Martin Luther

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### [PDF]Martin Luther the Worship Leader - Digital Commons @ Liberty University

Processes and Methods of Liturgical Reform through the Reformation

During the Reformation, Martin Luther led the movement to bring a new, biblical focus into congregational worship. The means by which Luther ushered this new focus into the church service was the introduction of his own liturgies and with reforms of liturgies that were currently being used by the Roman Catholic Church. In this liturgical reform, there are several observable principles by which Luther operated. First, Luther operated with caution, attempting to keep the changes respectful and gradual. Second, the changes were based primarily on what he believed the teachings of Scripture dictated, and he was purposeful in making sure that peace among the brethren was sought by all, even when opinions in practice conflicted. Third, Luther was purposeful in making the Word of God available to the common man, when before it had only been available to the clergy. Fourth, Luther sought to make the Word of God central to the worship service, hoping to eliminate all extraneous and erroneous practices in the process. Fifth, Luther took steps to return to the worship service the practice of congregational song.

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### Martin Luther's View on Music - rjgrune.com

It's not very often when I think about Luther, especially considering the theological library that he created, that I think of him as an artist. But Luther was an artist, a musician, writing songs that for hundreds of years would be passionately sung by worshippers in their congregations. I can just imagine the passion as Luther wrote these words; I think of the young worship leaders in our generation, passionately desiring that everyone will connect with this gift of music that God has given. And not only is that desire prevalent, but how often do these same passionate artists resonate with Luther, feeling that "words fail [them]" whenever they try to describe the gift of music.

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### Martin Luther's Worship Reforms - Religious Affections Ministries

At the heart of Martin Luther's reformation of the Church were his reforms in worship. In celebration of Reformation Day, let us consider his influence.

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## THE SMALL CATECHISM

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

You shall keep the day of rest holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.  
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### The Whole Church Sings: Congregational Singing in Luther's Wittenberg (Calvin Institute of Christian Liturgical Studies) by Robin A. Leaver (Author)

*Authoritative study by a renowned musicologist and Reformation scholar*

Many scholars think that congregational singing was not established in Lutheran worship until well after the start of the Reformation. In this book Robin A. Leaver calls that view into question, presenting new research to confirm the earlier view that congregational singing was both the intention and the practice right from the beginning of the Wittenberg reforms in worship. Leaver's study focuses on the Wittenberg hymnal of 1526, which until now has received little scholarly attention. This hymnal, Leaver argues, shows how the Lutheran Reformation was to a large degree defined, expressed, promoted, and taken to heart through early Lutheran hymns. Examining what has been forgotten or neglected about the origins of congregational hymnody under Martin Luther's leadership, this study of worship, music, and liturgy is a significant contribution to Reformation scholarship.

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### Top 20 quotes from Martin Luther

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of **music** is the greatest treasure in the world.

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### What Luther Says About True Worship

"Consequently, the true worship of God is to kiss this Son, that is, to adore Him in such a way that you see nothing in heaven and earth aside from Him and believe in nothing else than Him. As the First Commandment requires (Ex. 20:4): 'You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.' With this commandment God took His people captive for a spiritual point of view and led them away from all roving thoughts. Still they lapsed into idolatry, as history shows. For they reasoned that they were praising God if they praised a creature which He had made. Hence there followed the worship of the sun, of the moon, and of the heavenly host, even though God has expressly forbidden worship except at the throne of mercy. In this way we should also here guard against images of heaven and earth and cling to the Son alone. Thus, we shall certainly apprehend the Father and the whole Divinity. For Paul also says (Col. 2:9): 'In Christ the whole fullness of the Deity dwells bodily.' You will, then, not find God in the sun, moon, or any other creatures; you will find Him only in the Son, who was born of Mary. In Him alone is salvation, grace, and life." (LW 12:87-88)

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### 43) Meal

Gathering, word, meal and sending - Living Lutheran



Liturgy is important—not each constituent part—but the basic structure of corporate worship: gathering, word, meal and sending. It's a discipline Lutherans willingly undertake because it helps individuals and the entire community express our connection with other Christians throughout the world and across the ages.

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#### Meal

The stuff of the earth, Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19) and the community eating and drinking together—this is communion, the meal of worship. Yet the simple recipe has countless variations (wafers or loaves, wine or juice, a common cup or individual glasses, kneeling at the rail or walking to stations) and the diversity of the people who preside at the table or serve and receive the meal.

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#### In the Beginning Was the Meal: Social Experimentation and Early Christian Identity [Hal Taussig]

How did Christianity begin? Hal Taussig, a founding member of the SBL Seminar on Meals in the Greco-Roman World, brings a wealth of scholarship to bear on that question, showing that in the Augustan age, common meals became the sites of dramatic experimentation and innovation regarding social roles and relationships, challenging expectations regarding gender, class, and status. Rich comparative material and rigorous ritual analysis reveal that it was in just such a swirl of experimentation that the early Christian assemblies, with their "love feasts" and "supper of the Lord," were born. This cutting-edge monograph sheds new light on the social context of early Christian gatherings, illuminating the origins of the Eucharist and of Christianity itself, and draws important implications as well for the practice of Christian community today.

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#### What Is the Shape of the Liturgy - ELCA Resource Repository

**Meal:** "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ" (ELW p. 93) The pattern surrounding the meal finds its prototype in the scriptural accounts of the institution of Christ's supper: Jesus "took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it." The table setting, great thanksgiving, breaking of bread, and communion is how Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me" is lived out today, as it has been for centuries. For more on celebrating communion weekly, see "Why and how do we move to weekly communion?"

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#### Worship - Grace Lutheran Church

##### Meal

The Meal begins with the Peace. The pastor says, "*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*", to which the congregation replies "*And also with you.*" Then the pastor and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

This portion of the service begins as an Offering is gathered for the mission of the church. A choir anthem may be sung or a song played during the offering. During this time, the assisting minister and pastor will "set the table" for the holy meal.

The assisting minister then leads the congregation in the Offering Prayer.

To start the Great Thanksgiving, the pastor greets the congregation with the same Salutation used earlier, "*The Lord be with you,*" (chanted) and all give thanks (also chanted). Liturgical chant has a long history going back to the time of Luther in Germany and even further back to the apostolic church and to the Old Testament.

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