

Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 3 Worship

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1) Means of Grace

Means of grace | Theopedia

Means of grace are instruments that God uses to convert and bless people, like the reading and [preaching](#) of the word, [prayer](#), singing (psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; Acts 16:25; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16), enjoying the beauty of God's creation, [baptism](#), and the [Lord's supper](#).

<http://www.theopedia.com/means-of-grace>

Images for Means of grace | Theopedia

Means of grace - Wikipedia

In Lutheranism, the Means of Grace are God's *instruments* by which all spiritual blessing are bestowed upon sinners. ^[12] Lutheran churches teach that the means of grace are the ways that the [Holy Spirit](#) creates [faith](#) in the hearts of Christians, forgives their sins, gives them eternal [salvation](#) and causes them to grow spiritually. The efficacy of these means does not depend on the faith, strength, status, or good works of those who proclaim the Word of God or administer God's [sacraments](#); rather, the efficacy of these means rests in God alone, who has promised to work through God's gift of these means to God's church.

For Lutherans, the means of grace include the [Gospel](#) (both written and proclaimed), as well as the [sacrament](#) of [Holy Baptism](#), and the Sacrament of the [Eucharist](#). ^[12] Some Lutherans also include [Confession](#) and [Absolution](#) as *sacraments* and as such a *means of grace*, although they are not counted as such by others because no physical element is attached to Absolution, as is the case in both Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean_of_grace

Images for the means of grace

[DOC]Model Constitution for Congregations 2019 - ELCA Resource Repository

Chapter 8.

MEMBERSHIP

*C8.04. It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

- a. make regular use of the [means of grace](#), both Word and sacraments;

<https://www.elca.org/constitution> 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations

<https://download.elca.org> > ELCA Resource Repository > Model Constitution

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Office-of-the-Secretary>

Images for Model Constitution for Congregations 2019. Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments

The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament (English Edition) | Augsburg Fortress

This statement was adopted for guidance and practice of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at the 1997 Churchwide Assembly.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/5981/The-Use-of-the-Means-of-Grace-English-Edition->

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http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Table_and_Font_Study_Guide.pdf

<http://www.amazon.com/The-use-means-grace-statement/dp/0806636483>

2) Media

A Moving Word: Media Art in Worship (Worship Matters) by Eileen Dr. Crowley (Author)

Through examples of ways to integrate media art within worship services throughout the liturgical year, Crowley stretches readers' imaginations to envision a new kind of art—*liturgical media art*—and to take a new approach in producing it: *communal co-creation*. The Worship Matters Studies Series examines key worship issues through studies by pastors, musicians, and lay people from throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Features include: Informal and insightful writing for all readers, Study questions at the end of every chapter, Examines vital issues in weekly worship, Helps leaders and congregants understand and experience worship more richly.



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Images for Worship Matters - Evangelical Lutheran Worship

For the Sake of the Gospel: A Media Ministry Primer [With DVD] [Kent V. Wilson]

Kent V. Wilson provides the "why," "how," and "what" for churches considering using media in worship, or for those exploring and evaluating how to better use media in worship. Divided into three sections, this practical and engaging book discusses the "why" questions surrounding media in worship, the "how" questions about worship space, team-building, and visual literacy, and the "what" questions of where to get resources. All these questions and more are answered, together with an enclosed DVD that provides actual media resources for you to use in your church.

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Images for For the Sake of the Gospel: A Media Ministry Primer [Kent V. Wilson]

Worship: Projection screens | The Lutheran

While a number of ELCA congregations have adopted projection screens for their worship services, many have not and for legitimate reasons. In older sanctuaries, a permanent screen would have to go front and center, likely blocking prominent church features. And the idea of having pictures or words projected seems too much like entertainment. Yet pastors and seminaries are discovering how the language of video and image can be a powerful proclaimer of the gospel. There is nothing better for a "test run" than a COW, or Computer On Wheels, a mobile cart that holds a laptop, video projector, and a set of power and sound cords. A COW can be placed in a worship space with minimal distraction and uses a temporary screen or wall. Draft some high school kids or an adult who uses PowerPoint For the Sake of the Gospel: A Media Ministry Primer by Kent V. Wilson (Augsburg Fortress, 2006) is an excellent place to learn how media has been used in traditional ELCA settings.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=7446
Images for Worship: Projection screens | The Lutheran
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

Silver Screen, Sacred Story: Using Multimedia in Worship [Michael G. Bausch]

Our culture has undergone a major shift: younger generations have less and less interest in the printed word as they become predominantly image oriented. In response, as congregations increasingly learn to be more sophisticated in using newer electronic technologies, they are finding themselves at different places in the quest to understand, acquire, manage, and benefit from the technology boom. Worship leaders in congregations already using some electronic media are realizing that they could be doing more with it and are seeking new ideas. Congregational leaders scrambling to catch up with a worship committee that has decided it's time for a change aren't sure of the next steps. Or maybe there's been a gift to the congregation to be spent on electronics, and no one is quite sure how best to use the money. Michael Bausch's book grows out of several years of conversation, personal experimentation, and experience with multimedia worship in one modest-sized, small-town church, while also drawing on the experiences and work of other churches learning to use electronic media in worship. Bausch balances concern for practical issues, such as finances and architecture, with attention to theological integrity and the challenges of sustaining media-enhanced worship. He skillfully shows how the artistic resources of the world around us can enhance our awareness of God's presence in worship.

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Images for Silver Screen, Sacred Story: Using Multimedia in Worship [Michael G. Bausch]

3) Mission

Beyond Maintenance to Mission: A Theology of the Congregation by Craig L. Nesson (Author)

Visionary yet practical, Nesson's influential book makes a persuasive case for the centrality of mission in the life of the church. Nesson's model of mission-driven leadership is strongly centered on the community of faith's worship and draws unique connections between the worship life of a congregation and every aspect of the church's ministry. Around the twin foci of congregational identity and mission, the chapters in this dynamic book provide solid theological and radical direction on the themes of worship, education, fellowship, stewardship, evangelism, global connections, and social ministry.

1. **Worship:** Imagining the Kingdom

In the name of...

Eucharistic Drama

"Go in peace. Serve the Lord."

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[Images for Beyond Maintenance to Mission: A Theology of the Congregation by Craig L. Nesson \(Author\)](#)

Inside Out: Worship in an Age of Mission [Thomas H. Schattauer]

Applying theology to worship and to the practice of liturgy, this innovative work reclaims the importance of word and sacrament as the center for the church's life and witnesses. Drawing connections between liturgy and life, this collection of essays deepens worship-life by helping congregations "to talk with each other about the ways we encounter the living God in worship;" and by strengthening "skills that enhance worship." *Inside Out: Worship in an Age of Mission* addresses pastoral liturgical and sacramental issues at work in congregations today and offers a comprehensive vision for congregational life centered around word and sacrament.

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Images for Thomas H. Schattauer, author inside out

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Missional Worship, Worshipful Mission: Gathering as God's People, Going Out in God's Name (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship) (CICW) by Ruth A. Meyers (Author)

Too many Christians still think that *worship* is only a Sunday-morning activity done inside the church, while *mission* involves how the church engages the outside world. But Ruth Meyers argues that a dynamic relationship exists between worship and mission – that gathering as God's people includes at its heart our being sent out into the world in God's name.

Meyers explores this relationship by taking readers through the various parts of the worship service: gathering, proclaiming the Word, praying for the world, celebrating the Eucharist, and going forth to continue participating in God's mission in the world. In each chapter, Meyers includes stories of worship practices in different churches and considers how the actions of worship relate integrally to mission.

Missional Worship, Worshipful Mission emphasizes that missional worship is not a set of techniques but rather an approach to worship and congregational life in which God's mission permeates every aspect of what the church does.



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The Mission of Worship (Urbana Onward) [Sandra Maria Van Opstal]

Worship gives us a glimpse of the majesty and grandeur of God. But that's not all. It also paints a picture of God's purposes for the world. He is in the process of gathering together a multitude of worshipers from every language and nation. Urbana worship director Sandra Van Opstal shows that worship both takes people where they want to go and challenges them to go where they need to go. Worship creates a space for us to encounter the mission of God. Having culturally diverse worship gives us a more holistic portrait of God's attributes and character. In missional worship, we proclaim and demonstrate that the kingdom of God is here, accomplishing reconciliation, justice and shalom. Such worship is good news for the world and offers God's transcendence and healing to all who yearn for his transformation. Worship can mobilize us for God's mission in the world. As we worship, we can invite the world around us to enter into the praise of the one true God.



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[PDF] Worship and Mission – ELCA Resource Repository

For Lutherans, worship matters. In fact, worship lies at the heart of how we understand ourselves together. And, for Lutherans mission matters as mission stands at the forefront of our work and ministry. For a long period of time both worship and mission were treated as separate conversations and areas of focus. Worship has often been thought of as what happens “inside the church” and mission is what happens “outside” the church. In this separation, we have missed a foundational understanding of our life together as a church. Each week we are gathered around the means of grace and sent into the world to proclaim the good news that we have seen, heard, and tasted in that gathering. Our worship life is meant to be a formative encounter with Jesus Christ that propels us into the world for mission. Through the means of grace, God empowers the church for the work of mission. Worship is mission and mission is worship. Our gathering does not simply end at the conclusion of the worship service. The work continues as we are sent into the world—“Go in peace, Christ is with you;” “Go in peace serve the Lord;” “Go in peace, share the good news;” “Go in peace, remember the poor.” We are sent in the peace of Christ to share and enact the very things we have experienced in worship.

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Worship_And_Mission.pdf
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[Images for Worship and Mission – ELCA Resource Repository](#)

[PDF] Worship as mission. Romans 12:1-2 describes worship

Worship as mission. Romans 12:1-2 describes worship as a lifestyle. Our bodies are our sacrificial offering before the Lord. In the larger context of this chapter and the whole letter to Romans, Paul is urging the believers to consider each other's needs before one's own—as unified community is pleasing to God. Thus, the way we live and treat each other is our “spiritual act of worship.” This missional language is challenging us to align self with the mission of God, which is always focused on bringing up children in His Kingdom. Our American individualism leads to ideas of worship that seem to be more concerned with how we feel—a personal activity that draws one closer to God. This is the mindset that Paul is urging the believers to avoid. In the assembly, worship is communal. Worship should have less to do with our own individual feelings and more to do with falling before the almighty, gracious, saving God as a united community. We should be renewing or realigning our minds with the mind of God in order for our worship to prove “acceptable and pleasing” to Him.

<http://www.eastbrainerdchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Publication-October-November-December-2012.pdf>
[Images for worship as mission Romans 12:1-2](#)

Worship Is Mission » Alban at Duke Divinity School – Alban Institute

I no longer subscribe to the distinction between worship and mission, nor do I think of myself as either a chaplain or an evangelist. Over the years, I have come to understand Christian worship as a river. Like a mighty river, the life and history of Israel, the saving work of Jesus, and the mission of the early church as these events are proclaimed in Scripture, are connected to one another and to the church's worship as the single, continuing story of God's saving activity in Jesus Christ.

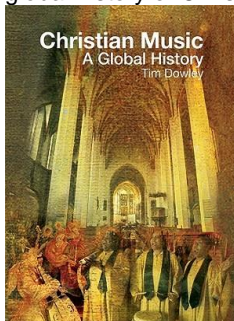
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<https://alban.org/category/missions-evangelism/>

4) Music

Christian Music: A Global History [Tim Dowley]

Tim Dowley's popular history of Christian music is the first to encompass all eras, regions, and varieties of this rich and vast treasure. From its Jewish origins, through medieval chant and hymns, to gospel and rock, Christian music around the world is harmonized beautifully in this colorfully illustrated survey. Dowley travels beneath the plurality of forms and styles to pose questions about the meaning of diverse traditions. His skillful narrative and fascinating insights from specialists combine for a truly global history of Christianity's musical culture.



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Frequently Asked Questions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Music

Can technology help lead congregational singing?
Did Martin Luther really use tavern tunes in church?
How can I create simple liturgical music for free?
How do we choose a new organ?
How do we expand our congregation's hymn repertoire?
How do we introduce new music to our congregation?
How do we select hymns and songs for all seasons?
How does a congregation find and hire-call a musician(s)?
What can we do if we don't have an organist?
What is an appropriate hymn tempo?
What is Church Music Sunday?
What is Taizé worship and how can it be used?
What is the role of music in the Lutheran liturgy?
What is the role of the choir in worship?
What music is appropriate for Lutheran weddings?
Why and how do we sing the Psalms?

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History of music in the biblical period - Wikipedia

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David Playing the Harp by Jan de Bray, 1670

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Images for history of music in the biblical period

Music - Augsburg Fortress

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Images for Music - Augsburg Fortress

Music in Churches: Nourishing Your Congregation's Musical Life by Linda J. Clark (Author)

Clergy, worship or music committees, organists, and choir or music directors will find this a practical and invaluable guide to the role and power of music to express and form faith. Clark researched twenty-four Episcopal and United Methodist congregations to discover how churchgoers express their faith through music. Discover how music can either enhance or detract from tradition and faith experience. Explore how it can shape your congregation's character.

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 Do choirs and other musical ensembles support or overshadow the assembly's voice?
 Does technology enliven or overshadow the assembly's voice?
 Are musical leaders sensitive to how music functions in the liturgy?
 Are congregations lovingly encouraged to participate musically?
 Do hymns and songs relate to the scripture readings?
 Do hymns and songs function well according to their place in the service: gathering, word, meal or sending?
 Does the music of the liturgy proclaim the gospel?
 How is community formed by what is sung?
 How diverse is the assembly's song?
 Do you sing across space and time?

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Music: Is There Any Chance of Harmony?

Is there any chance of harmony? Yes, there should be. No good purpose is served by backing off into our musical corners. Let us reach for fresh ways of accepting each other and being especially sensitive to those differing needs which are inherent in every congregation.

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Popular music, worship - The Lutheran

Articles by Mark Allen Powell in *The Lutheran*

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 Songs of faith relate to daily life
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The Sounds of Our Offerings: Achieving Excellence in Church Music (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) by Charlotte Kroeker (Author)

The Sounds of Our Offerings is good news about the music of the church. It recounts what has been learned from studying nine congregations where music promotes the full, active, conscious participation of the worshipers and where it has done so consistently and coherently for many years. Pastors and musicians reflect on their work together and offer rich insights about what works and what does not. Lay musicians and members of the congregation also share their experiences with music in worship. Though no site was without its struggles, and at times difficult choices had to be made, for the most part, we see unremarkable, week to week, year to year, faithful rendering of music for prayer and praise. We see that sometimes the nature of the music took a slightly different turn, one that built upon the foundations of the past. The music choices in these churches are not restricted to one particular era or style, but rather reflect the broader church's music repertoire, including the best recently written music. These are the stories of churches with a reputation for their fine music programs, churches that, with their leaders and congregations, have worked out these programs in consistent, coherent ways. In most cases, the programs span multiple priests/pastors and musicians. *The Sounds of Our Offerings* is about excellent music and how it has found its way into the life and faith practices of these congregations.



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The Theology and Place of Music in Worship | Reformed Church in America

What we can and must say quite confidently is that the church which does not sing is not the ... The church's ministry of song is for the edification of God's people.

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'We have this treasure.' Global music lifts Luther's 21st century church - The Lutheran Magazine

Planning for a week as the musician at [Holden Village](#), I often thought about the 2009 summer theme from [2 Corinthians 4:7](#): "We have this treasure." I began to imagine the vast treasures that have recently come our way from around the world — songs from Tanzania and Singapore, liturgical music from Guatemala and China, and much more. Singing this music has become important to me over the past years. When I hear global music alongside the European and North American hymns I learned as a child, I often hear new things in both. When I teach and lead music from this global treasure, I often find my musical and spiritual life is deepened and enriched. "World music at Holden provides a welcome challenge," said Kris Freeman, a member of [St. John United Lutheran Church, Seattle](#). "Just as Lutheranism started in Germany and spread all over the world, so now we can listen to our brothers and sisters around the world." She was among those who were at the Chelan, Wash., ecumenical retreat center that is rooted in the Lutheran tradition during the week I was musician.

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5) Music Ministry

Discovering Your Call to Music Ministry – Church Leaders

The Ministry of Music is one of the most vital ministries in the local church and should be viewed as a sacred office. Discovering your call begins with a DESIRE to be used by God to impact the local church and the world around you.

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Leading the Church's Song [With CD] by Mark Paul Bangert (Author), Robert Buckley Farlee (Editor), Paul Westermeyer Ph.D. (Foreword)

A practical introduction to leading congregational song in a variety of musical styles and with various instrumental accompaniments. This helpful guide, with audio CD included, will help church musicians master the skills necessary to confidently lead congregational song with stylistic integrity and cultural sensitivity.



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111 TIPS TO SURVIVE MUSIC MINISTRY - Margaret Marcuson

Find a new perspective on some of the dilemmas and opportunities all church musicians face.

Learn a different way to respond to people that gives you greater freedom.

Gain clarity on what is yours to do as a church musician, without taking on burdens that don't belong to you.

Discover how to enable others to carry out their own ministry and calling.

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This resource, originally published in 1988, has become a basic text in the study of church music, as well as serving as a handbook for church music leaders, pastors, music committee members, and others. Westermeyer has updated and expanded the volume to reflect the current challenges of contemporary culture, musical and worship styles, and integrity to the gospel. More than a "how-to" manual for musicians, this book is an interdisciplinary study of worship, music, and theology accessible to everyone.



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10 Reasons Everybody at Church Should Wear a Name Tag – ThomRainer.com

At many conferences and meetings I attend, I am expected to wear a name tag. The business world thinks about name tags, but the church world gives them too little thought. Here are ten reasons EVERYONE in church ought to wear a name tag.

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7) New Testament

Congregational Worship in the New Testament - Crosswalk.com

There's no better place to begin a history of congregational song than the early church. Of course, the New Testament doesn't offer much information on the topic. What did worship sound like in the first century? How long did it last? Who were the composers? No one knows. Still, two things are certain -- God has excellent reasons for withholding such specifics, and there is much we can learn from what He has shown us.

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The Four Gospels on Sunday: The New Testament and the Reform of Christian Worship [Gordon W. Lathrop]

Premier liturgical theologian Gordon Lathrop argues that far too often liturgy, preaching, and liturgical theology are informed by naïve and outdated exegesis. In another fully original and deeply reflective work, Lathrop partners with newer biblical studies to see the Gospels anew. He treats the Gospels as early witnesses to the meaning of Christian assembly and forces in the shaping and reshaping of liturgy.

Lathrop first probes each Gospel historically and exegetically to discern what it tells us about early Christian worship and Christians' relationship to the Risen One. Then Lathrop treats the Gospels together to draw out more of their contemporary importance, especially ways in which they can enrich our reflection about the assembly itself, ministry, baptism, the use of scripture in liturgy, and unity within ecumenical diversity.

Taking seriously the origins of the New Testament, as we understand them today, Lathrop demonstrates that the Gospels can remain a true catalyst for liturgical theology and liturgical renewal, as well as an inspiring link to the faith and convictions of the earliest followers of the Christian way.

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Worship and the Spirit in the New Testament - N.T. Wright

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8) Old Testament

Offerings Sacrifices and Worship in the Old Testament by Johann Heinrich Kurtz (Author), Patrick H. Alexander (Editor)

Offerings, Sacrifices and Worship in the Old Testament is a comprehensive study of the sacrificial offerings and worship prescribed by God in the Old Testament. The author, from an evangelical perspective, analyzes the exacting details of the various Old Testament sacrifices.

Topics that are covered include:

- The ritual of the sacrifices;
- The bloodless sacrifices;
- Daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices;
- Varieties of bleeding sacrifices;
- Sacrifices and special seasons;
- The feast of Passover, Pentecost, the Day of Atonement and others.

Christians cannot completely understand the full meaning and full significance of Jesus' death until they understand what God required of his people in the Old Testament.

- Learn how offerings and sacrifices differed from each other
- Discover the true purpose of the Passover and the Day of Atonement
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Touching the Altar: The Old Testament for Christian Worship (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies) [Carol M. Bechtel]

What does it mean to be in the presence of God's holiness? How can it affect us whether we seek it out or stumble upon it? Can it truly change our very reality to encounter it?

The essayists in this volume explore these questions at the heart of Christian worship, considering the oft-neglected Old Testament as essential to understand our purpose in worship. Following the structure of the Hebrew canon beginning with the Pentateuch, moving through to the Psalms, then wisdom literature each chapter considers a separate aspect of worship, from theater to the Sabbath to sacred space, offering new inspiration. In the final essay, Carol Bechtel rereads the book of Job through the lens of our human limitations (as opposed to the usual theme of theodicy), with compelling applications for both life and worship.

Each of these essays concludes with two appropriately themed hymns and a For Further Reading list. Five of the seven contain sidebars that illustrate and enrich key points. Evocative woodcut artwork by Margaret Adams Parker provides a striking backdrop to the text. Taken together, these essays testify powerfully to the belief that the Old Testament is not only valuable but also essential to whole and fully foundational preaching and worship.

Written primarily by Old Testament professors, *Touching the Altar* will make an engaging supplemental text for introductory or elective Old Testament courses and will also go far toward providing deeper worship for any Christian.



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Worship in Ancient Israel: An Essential Guide [Walter Brueggemann]

In an engaging style - characteristic of the author, Walter Brueggemann - this Essential Guide describes the leading motifs of ancient Israel's worship traditions in the Old Testament. The author guides the reader through the themes, central texts, prayers, festivals, and practices of that worship. He sees throughout the Old Testament a central emphasis on worship as a covenantal gesture and utterance by the community in the presence of God. In addition to being an essential guide to this subject, this book is intended to be in the service of current theological and practical issues concerning worship of the church in its ecumenical character.

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The Message of the Psalms (Augsburg Old Testament Studies) [Walter Brueggemann]

Known as one of America's best theologians and one of the world's foremost scholars on the Old Testament, [Walter Brueggemann](#) has inspired young scholars and students and driven the discourse on theology with some of the biggest players in contemporary Bible scholarship. Walter Brueggemann describes the human cries of anguish and the exultations of praise expressed in the Psalms. Particularly noteworthy is his approach to the Psalms from a counseling and pastoral perspective, providing commentary that walks with the reader in any season of life.

This scholarly study of the Psalms retains its rigor while focusing particularly on the pastoral use of the Psalms, looking at how they may function as voices of faith in the actual life of the believing community.

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The Psalms and the Life of Faith [Walter Brueggemann]

Walter Brueggemann's unique gift of joining historical-exegetical insights to penetrating observations about the traumas and joys of contemporary life—both personal and social—is here forcefully displayed. Everyone who is familiar with his work knows the power of his speech about "doxological, polemical, political, subversive, evangelical faith: and about the ways such faith is enacted in the praise of ancient Israel and in the church.

Readers of this book will find fresh insight into: the Psalms as prayer and praise, the categories of the Psalms, the social context in which psalms were prayed and sung, the theology of the Psalms, the dialogical character of the Psalms, justice and injustice in the Psalms, the study and "use" of the Psalms by the church, praise as an act of basic trust and abandonment, the impossible wonders of God's activity that overturn conventional ways of thinking and acting.

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WORSHIP IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY (Part 1) | Worship Notes

For the next several months we will survey the practice and themes of worship found in Israel's history as recorded in the pages of the Old Testament.

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Meaningful worship is what all Christians seek when they worship God. But what is "meaningful" worship, and what makes it so? Where do we turn to find guidance for making our worship more meaningful? In his study, *Worship in Ancient Israel*, H. H. Rowley wrote, "The real meaning of worship derives in the first place from the God to whom it is directed." When we begin to consider worship from a biblical point of view, we must begin first and foremost with God—his presence and his nature. Our worship should focus on God, not on humanity. We worship God in accordance with who he is, not what we want or like. Marva J. Dawn makes a similar point in her book *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for the Turn-of-the-Century Culture* when she writes, "In genuine worship God is the subject—and we are not?" If our worship is to be determined by God's nature, then perhaps it is important to look at a few aspects of that nature. It is difficult to focus on God's nature in isolation since his nature is revealed in his acts, but a few aspects of God's nature are especially relevant to worship.

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9) Organ

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Choosing a new musical instrument to lead singing in worship can seem daunting. A thoughtful approach, however, will result in a wonderful blessing for your congregation.

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Organ in Worship - Historically - Reformed Church Music

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Church organs

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10) Periodicals

Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts - Presbyterian Mission Agency

This annual issue provides lectionary-based worship planning aids for every Sunday and festival in the Christian year, including: brief summaries of the Revised Common Lectionary readings; Calls to Worship and Prayers of Confession; suggestions for hymns, psalms, and other congregational songs from a variety of sources and traditions; recommendations for anthems for larger choirs, smaller/youth choirs, and children's choirs; ideas for organ and handbell music; and original liturgical artwork.

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CrossAccent | Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

CrossAccent, journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, is published and sent to our members and subscribing libraries three times a year (only two issues per year were published in 2010 and 2011). Volumes contain scholarly and informative articles which explore theological, musicological, hymnological, sociological, liturgical, historical and practical issues for the Lutheran Church musician, as well as an extensive review section of books, recordings and musical publications.

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Faith & Form - the interfaith forum on religion, art, and architecture

Faith & Form exists to provide and exchange knowledge, insight, and creativity among those who create and use religious art and architecture.

Faith & Form, as an organization and a journal, is the culmination of nearly 40 years of efforts of many dedicated leaders, volunteers, and staff. Many organizations over time have led to Faith & Form – from the Church Architecture Guild of North America founded in 1940 to the Guild for Church Architecture founded in 1965, to the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture (IFRAA, now part of AIA). Faith & Form represents clergy, lay leaders, artists, architects, and landscape designers concerned with design for worship.

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Liturgy - The Liturgical Conference

Liturgy: The Journal of the Liturgical Conference is a quarterly resource for studying, preparing, and leading Christian worship. It offers practical help, ideas, and reflections for pastors and priests, educators and musicians. Each issue focuses on a single theme. Articles are written and materials are assembled by noted liturgical scholars, parish pastors, denominational worship leaders, musicians, artists, and architects.

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Worship - Liturgical Press: Essential Resources for a Worshipping World

For more than 80 years, pastors, liturgical theologians, and informed and involved laypersons have found *Worship* to be an "invaluable" reference to the newest and most authoritative information on the evolution of liturgy. This is for those who want to remain up-to-date with the latest developments in liturgical practice and pastoral ministry—for all who have a commitment to the quality of liturgical worship.

Articles are written by many of the world's foremost liturgical scholars and teachers and will keep you well informed. There is also the *Forum* that allows you the opportunity to share your views on issues of liturgical importance by submitting full article-length essays.

Another section, *The Amen Corner*, by scholar and teacher Nathan Mitchell, offers the author's insightful reflections on liturgical problems and their effects on pastoral practice and spirituality.

Worship consistently delivers the very best analysis, review, and in-depth comments on relevant, original, traditional, and controversial topics in liturgy and related Church issues.

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11) Personality

Knowing Me Knowing God: Exploring Your Spirituality with Myers-Briggs by Malcolm Goldsmith (Author)

In *Knowing Me, Knowing God*, Malcolm Goldsmith provides an easy-to-follow introduction to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator as it pertains to the spiritual life. The heart of this book is a spirituality questionnaire and its interpretation in connection to spirituality. The intent of the book is to explore ways in which persons might best open their hearts and minds to God.

Knowing Me, Knowing God is a valuable resource for retreat leaders, **worship committee members**, spiritual directors, prayer group members, and others who are looking for material that help them focus on the needs of their community.

The spirituality questionnaire is designed for personal completion as an integral part of the total book. It can, however, be used in small groups to stimulate discussion.

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MBTI and spiritual development - FutureChurchNow

I am a great advocate of self-awareness. On the path to self-awareness, I believe that personality profiles are great aids – they may create small boxes of personality types, but they provide windows of understanding into oneself and others.

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The Personality of Worship: Using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator to understand worship preferences

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a helpful tool for grasping the effect that personality has on worship. Basic to this approach, developed by Katherine and Isabel Briggs from the earlier work of Carl Jung, is the idea of preference. Just as we tend to favor either the right or left hand, so too we exhibit a particular direction in the way we view life, God, and therefore, worship.

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12) Planning

Designing Worship Together: Models and Strategies for Worship Planning (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) [Norma deWaal Malefyt, Howard Vanderwell]

Much more than a “how-to” for worship planners. Drawing on more than two decades of collaborative worship planning, as well as numerous conversations with other worship planners. Pastor Howard Vanderwell and musician Norma de Waal Malefyt lay out a thoughtful, field-tested process for planning, implementing, and evaluating life-enriching weekly worship. Well over a dozen field-tested tools and a selected bibliography round out this invaluable resource for worship planners.

The authors enter into the trenches of weekly congregational life with this book, offering helpful insights into the process of how worship services are planned and led. DeWaal Malefyt and Vanderwell’s approach to worship arises from the biblical narrative, using the language of the Christian tradition and emphasizing that worship tells the story of God’s efforts through history to show us the path to union with God. *Designing Worship Together* is also deeply connected to the experience of local congregations.

DeWaal Malefyt and Vanderwell understand that the way in which God’s saving deeds are proclaimed will differ from church to church, from place to place, and from culture to culture and they present a process for designing worship services that is equally applicable in a wide diversity of congregations. Foreword writer Robert Webber writes of *Designing Worship Together*, “In a day when worship, born out of an anti-historical attitude focuses on the self-what I need, what I want, what I do-it is refreshing to find a book that focuses on God yet is deeply concerned about the people engaged in worship.” While many books are available about the theology of worship, worship styles, and issues of music, there are few resources on the value of careful worship planning. DeWaal Malefyt and Vanderwell offer the practical nuts and bolts that worship planners need, but this book is far more than a how-to for worship planners. In addition to describing best practices for worship planners, they clarify the role of vital worship in the life of a healthy congregation; identify the biblical assumptions underlying Christian worship; highlight the importance of teamwork in worship planning; name the issues and barriers worship planners must overcome; and suggest a variety of models for worship planning and evaluation. This invaluable resource also features more than a dozen field-tested tools and a selected bibliography for worship planners to use as they continue to develop their ministries.

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Images for vital worship healthy congregations

Encounters with the Holy: A Conversational Model for Worship Planning (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) [Barbara Day Miller]

Many churches have active worship committees or planning teams, and an abundance of books and resources guide pastors and laity. Encounters with the Holy offers a conversational model of worship planning that was developed to train practitioners to be more reflective in their planning of worship experiences. The model planning, ordering, worshiping, reflecting is a flexible, fluid pattern. It provides a more circular, spiraling practice of imaginative planning, preparing the leaders and the space, and reflecting theologically to understand more fully the experience of worship. It has been tested in congregations, seminaries, and campus ministries amid a wide range of denominational and cultural styles. An underlying theological assumption of this approach is that we are engaged in holy work when we plan and prepare for worship. Leaders study, preparation, and training are themselves an encounter with the Holy. Therefore, we are called to become more informed and better prepared liturgical leaders. The language and encouraging style of the book is accessible to student pastors, pastors, and lay people interested in learning to think more deeply about worship.

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Worship Planning
How and when might congregations conduct surveys about worship styles and practices?
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Where does the list of readings for our Sunday worship come from?

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>
Images for Frequently Asked Questions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Worship Planning

It Takes a Team: Examining the Worship Planning Process

A Five-Part Process
Whatever your situation, I believe the worship planning process has at least five distinct stages: prewise, devise, revise, realize, and analyze. Most congregations accomplish all five, even if by accident, but few are intentional about each. For example, a congregation may put lots of energy into the second stage (devise), and next to nothing into the fourth and fifth stages (realize and analyze). It may be that a bit of focused tweaking is all that's needed to greatly improve your congregation's worship planning. I'll describe each stage and then offer some final comments.

<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/december-2004/it-takes-team-examining-worship-planning-process>

[Images for It Takes a Team: Examining the Worship Planning Process](#)

Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources From Clergy Stuff

The [Narrative Lectionary](#) is a weekly and seasonal, four-year cycle of readings from Holy Scripture. Faculty at Luther Seminary put it together as an alternative to the Revised Common Lectionary. Both the RCL and the NL have advantages and disadvantages. However, the series of readings known as the Narrative Lectionary focuses on telling the stories of the Bible. According to *Working Preacher*, it centers on sharing the story of "hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life."

<https://clergystuff.com/news/narrative-lectionary-worship-planning-resources>

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Spiritual Identity and Worship Planning » Alban at Duke Divinity School

Much research has been conducted as to why people are different in their behavior, in their personality, in the way they relate to the world. But the most helpful research I found in understanding the spiritual identity of people who gather to worship was conducted by Dr. Corinne Ware, an Episcopal priest who serves as Assistant Professor of Ascetical Theology at Seminary of the Southwest. Her research, which grew out of a typology articulated by the late Urban T. Holmes, and is related in her book *Discover Your Spiritual Type*, presents four types of spiritual identity, which when matched with the scenarios above are: mystic, feeling, thinking, and visionary.¹ These categories could also be labeled: contemplative, charismatic, intellectual, and crusader. But they are not just categories. They represent the spiritual identities of real people who gather to worship each Sunday.

Alban at Duke Divinity School » Spiritual Identity and Worship Planning - Alban Institute

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The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together by Marcia McFee (Author)

The Worship Workshop, rather than providing simply another manual for doing worship, offers instead an interactive workshop that helps worship teams develop more meaningful and memorable worship for the congregation. By combining liturgical history and the creative process, *The Worship Workshop* encourages worship teams and staff to break out of the traditional worship box in order to create diverse ways to present the Good News in worship.

Through a variety of activities, ideas, and informational handouts, *The Worship Workshop* helps worship committees, planners, and designers evaluate the state of their current worship, get more people involved in the planning and designing process, explore the diverse designs of congregational worship, learn the history of worship, and utilize the arts and artists in worship.

Break out of the traditional worship box with this "seminar in a book." You and your staff will learn how to evaluate your current services and get more people involved in the planning process; explore liturgical history and various forms of congregational praise; and discover ways of using the arts and artists to create meaningful, memorable worship experiences.

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13) Post-Pandemic

ELCA Worship News

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Over these past months congregations and synods have explored different ways to proclaim God's word while physically separated. Many have utilized technology to offer times of worship and devotion. Some are finding helpful ways to interact with one another in real time, while others have created meaningful opportunities for worship on their own time, with or without the need of technology. We long to return to worship in person. Even as communities are making careful and cautious decisions about when they might gather in person for worship, we continue to find ways to offer our lament, prayer, proclamation and praise.

On the grounds of the Word and promise of God the church prays, in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, for all the great needs of the world ("The Use of the Means of Grace," Principle 53)

As we read God's word in our devotions or hear it proclaimed in worship, we are called to pray for the church and its mission, for the care of creation, for the end to racial injustice and all injustice in the world, for those who suffer, for an end to this virus and for those who have died in faith. From these prayers we are called to action. We are called to be Christ's presence in the world.

To be your presence is our mission blest,

*to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!*
-Text by Delores Dufner, OSB; *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 546

May our dwelling in the word call us to prayer and lead us to witness to the gospel of Christ in the world, even if that witness may need to take on different forms during the pandemic. May you notice love of God in Christ Jesus among us and share that love with one another.

In peace,

Deacon John Weit

Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship

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How The Coronavirus Pandemic Has Changed Worship : NPR

Christian worship in the United States, long characterized by its adherence to tradition, appears to have been significantly altered by the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/20/858918339/things-will-never-be-the-same-how-the-pandemic-has-changed-worship>

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Key Questions to Prepare for a New Season of Ministry - Aspen Group

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THE CHURCH NEVER ACTUALLY CLOSED – JUST THE DOOR TO OUR BUILDINGS.

<https://www.reopeningthechurch.com/>

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Resuming Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life – ELCA Resource Repository

THE ECUMENICAL CONSULTATION ON PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SACRAMENTS

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Images for Resuming Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life – ELCA Resource Repository

What does a post-pandemic worship service look like?

JACKSON, Miss. (WLBT) - With hundreds of churches across the state planning how to re-open and protect their congregations from coronavirus in the process, the head of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board said some leaders are considering temporary changes to worship services.

This could include removing commonly touched items like hymnals, bibles, offering and communion plates, and telling members not to sing because it could violate social distancing practices.

<https://www.wmcactionnews5.com/2020/05/14/what-does-post-pandemic-worship-service-look-like/>

Images for What does a post-pandemic worship service look like?

What Will Church Look Like Post-Pandemic?

When places of worship reopen, will attending church look drastically different? It's a question that pastors across the world are facing, given COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

<https://billygraham.org/story/what-will-church-look-like-post-pandemic/>

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14) Praise

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15) Pray

A Praying Congregation: The Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice [Jane E. Vennard]

Pastors and others who want to develop their skills as teachers of prayer and spiritual practices will find in this book not only wisdom for themselves but easily accessible lesson plans, enabling them to share Vennard's insights with others while infusing the activities with their own spirit and creative ideas. Through this book, readers' hearts are made ready to explore the wonder of strengthening their relationship with God through prayer.

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Ancient prayer practices can help | The Lutheran

We don't have to reinvent the wheel

Good, regular and faithful prayer need not be difficult. Like any practice, it benefits from repetition, regularity and persistence.

Thankfully, the church has an ancient pattern for prayer that offers exactly the regularity we need. It's called the daily office, or the liturgy of the hours.

In *Constant Prayer* (Thomas Nelson, 2008), author Robert Benson defines the daily office as "a regular pattern and order for formal worship and prayer that is offered to God at specific times throughout the course of the day. Each set of prayers, known as an office, is made up of psalms, scriptures, and prayers."

Praying the daily office makes the whole day holy. Those who pray it wake up praying matins (morning prayer). They go to bed praying compline (night prayer). In between, they offer vespers (evening prayer) and other prayers throughout the day.

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Luther and the Lord's Prayer | The Lutheran

"To this day, I nurse at the Lord's Prayer like a child, as an old man eat and drink from it and never get my fill. It is the very best prayer, even better than the Psalter, which is so very dear to me" (Martin Luther, "A Simple Way to Pray," 1535).

Martin Luther composed his classic exposition of Christian prayer as an open letter responding to a question posed by his barber. In doing so, he shows specifically how the reformation of the church he envisioned expressed itself in conscious, intentional prayer. Luther recommends that his friend Peter—and by extension, all Christians—do what he does: use the Lord's Prayer creatively as a guide for prayer.

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Prayer of the Faithful: Understanding and Creatively Leading Corporate Intercessory Prayer by Walter Costner Huffman (Author)

This guide provides worship leaders with suggestions for creative prayer practice and includes over a dozen prayer formats.

Fifty liturgical scholars - Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran - have authored these intercessory prayers for each Sunday of the three-year cycle to expand the resources available to local pastors. The authors have been guided by the traditional pattern of prayers of the faithful. All language is inclusive.

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Prayers for Rural Life - Synod Resource Center

http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church_seasons/lent/0009/rural_life_prayers.html

[Images for Prayers for Rural Life - Synod Resource Center](#)

Praying: When we make intercession, we stand for and with those for whom we pray - The Lutheran Magazine

In worship we offer prayers of intercession for the world; leaders of nations; the church and its ministry; our bishops and pastors; the community and those who suffer—the poor, sick, bereaved, lonely; and for the care of creation, for peace and for justice.

The readings in our liturgy proclaim and present God's reign. We hear that with the coming of God among us the blind will be able to watch the lame dance, the mute will sing and the deaf will hear the song, children will be safe from all harm, no one will be without life's necessities and joys, the earth will be tended with care, and all creation will live in harmony. Before God we admit that this isn't happening everywhere for everyone—a consequence *not* of God's will but of human choices and sin, both social and individual.

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<http://www.mpls-synod.org/stewardship/prayers>

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The Secret of Abundant Living: Learning How to Ask – The Parish Paper

How to increase the percentage of church attendees who **pray** daily: Prayer is a powerful but often under-utilized resource in congregations.

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Pray without ceasing

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16) Questions

Frequently Asked Questions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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[What are Rogation Days?](#)

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[Why and how do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday?](#)

Ecumenical and Inter-Faith

[Do Christians hold Seder meals?](#)

[Do Lutherans re-baptize former Mormons who are joining a congregation?](#)

[How do we bless Roman Catholic or other ecumenical guests who feel they cannot come to communion?](#)

[How do we worship and pray with other Christians and non-Christians?](#)

[What does Full Communion mean for Lutheran worship?](#)

[What is the relations between the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church?](#)

Holy Communion

[At what age do congregation members receive communion?](#)

[How can we provide for communion of the ill, homebound and imprisoned?](#)

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

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

[Where do we keep sacramental elements?](#)

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

Life Passages

[Can a civil marriage be blessed in church?](#)

[How can the centrality of baptism be renewed?](#)

[How do Lutherans regard organ donation and cremation?](#)

How do rites of social and fraternal societies relate to Lutheran funeral practice?
What are baptismal festivals?
What are columbaria and memorial gardens?
What are the marks of a Christian funeral?
What are the practices for remembering and affirming baptism?

Liturgy

How are worship resources prepared and approved by the ELCA?
How is language used in worship?
How is oil used in worship?
How is worship traditional? How is worship contemporary?
Is applause appropriate in worship?
What are the biblical roots of worship?
What are vestments and paraments and why are they used?
What is a sacrament for Lutherans?
What is the Exchange of Peace?
What is the pattern of worship?
What is the role of silence in worship?
Why and how do we use incense in worship?
Why do Lutherans make the sign of the cross?
Why don't we use alleluias during Lent?
Why worship on Sunday?

Music

Can technology help lead congregational singing?
Did Martin Luther really use tavern tunes in church?
How can I create simple liturgical music for free?
How do we choose a new organ?
How do we expand our congregation's hymn repertoire?
How do we introduce new music to our congregation?
How do we select hymns and songs for all seasons?
How does a congregation find and hire-call a musician(s)?
What can we do if we don't have an organist?
What is an appropriate hymn tempo?
What is Church Music Sunday?
What is Taizé worship and how can it be used?
What is the role of music in the Lutheran liturgy?
What is the role of the choir in worship?
What music is appropriate for Lutheran weddings?
Why and how do we sing the Psalms?

Participation/Leadership

How can lay people participate in worship leadership?
How do we involve children and youth in worship?
How do we lead liturgy with grace and confidence?
How do we use the body in worship?
How does worship involve all our senses?
Who is a presiding minister?

Worship Planning

How and when might congregations conduct surveys about worship styles and practices?
Should we offer more than one worship service?
What is a Worship Committee?
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Worship Space

Are flags appropriate in church?
How can our worship services be more welcoming to people with disabilities?
How can we make our worship space accessible?
How do we make decisions about art and materials used in worship?
How do we use a Paschal Candle?
What are some considerations on art and environment for worship?
What is a sanctuary lamp?
What is the Advent Wreath and how is it used in worship?
What is the meaning and use of liturgical colors?

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The order of worship

- [What is the order or shape of worship? What are the primary actions?](#)
- [Why do we have a confession of sin in worship?](#)

Planning and leadership

- [Who is responsible for planning worship?](#)
- [Should Presbyterian worship be traditional, contemporary or blended?](#)
- [Why can't I get the Book of Common Worship in an electronic format \(ebook, PDF, smartphone app, etc.\)?](#)

The Christian year

- [What are the liturgical seasons?](#)
- [Why does the planning calendar call May 25, 2008, the "8th Sunday in Ordinary Time" when there are no references to Ordinary Time in the previous weeks?](#)
- [Why is there a 50-day season of Easter?](#)

The word in worship

- [What is the lectionary? How do we use it?](#)
- [Do we need to include all the readings?](#)
- [Should there be a children's sermon or other special worship activities for children?](#)

Sacraments: baptism

- [Where should we place the baptismal font?](#)
- [How do we baptize?](#)
- [What about rebaptism? Reaffirmation of baptism?](#)
- [What is christening and how does it relate to baptism?](#)
- [What is the Presbyterian practice regarding appointing godparents?](#)
- [Can someone who is not baptized be saved?](#)

Sacraments: Lord's Supper

- [It is an altar or a table?](#)
- [Is it the Lord's Supper, Eucharist or Communion?](#)
- [What is the proper method for the distribution of the elements in Communion?](#)
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- [How should we dispose of the Communion elements?](#)
- [Won't more frequent celebrations of the Lord's Supper make our worship services longer?](#)
- [What kind of Communion bread should we use?](#)
- [What items belong on the Communion table?](#)

Pastoral rites and special services

- [What is a service of wholeness and healing?](#)
- [How do we acknowledge a civil marriage in worship?](#)
- [Should the casket be open or closed?](#)
- [How do we use oil in services of wholeness and healing?](#)

Signs and symbols

- [What are the guidelines for the use of liturgical colors?](#)
- [What is the significance of the various clerical garments?](#)
- [Is it appropriate to have flags in worship?](#)
- [What is the history and use of the Advent wreath?](#)
- [What is the Paschal candle? When and how do we use it?](#)
- [Why is the seashell a symbol of baptism?](#)
- [What does "IHS" mean?](#)
- [What is the symbolism of palm branches?](#)

Music, art and worship space

- [What's the difference between liturgical art and idolatry?](#)
- [Are there guidelines for what kinds of music are appropriate in Presbyterian worship?](#)
- [What should we take into consideration when arranging our worship space?](#)

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17) Readers

Getting the Word Out: A Handbook for Readers (Leading Worship Matters) [Christopher George Hoyer]

To strike the heart of the hearer with the power and peace of the word of God is the goal of the reading of scripture. Whether you are a beginning or seasoned reader of scripture, you will find in these pages help and encouragement for preparing to read in worship.

In pithy and witty prose, Hoyer provides valuable insight into both the why and the how of excellent reading. This handbook is filled with practical helps, preparation exercises, and spiritual wisdom for readers. It also includes a pronunciation guide for the lectionary readings. *Getting the Word Out* invites readers to approach this role not just as a task, but as a ministry to the whole assembly.

Practical help, encouragement, preparation exercises, and spiritual wisdom for those who serve as readers in worship. Hoyer provides valuable insight into both the why and the how of excellent reading. Includes pronunciation guide for the lectionary readings.

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18) Rethinking Church

Rethinking Church - Luther Seminary

Rethinking Church: Better Questions, Bolder Experiments

July 26-28, 2017 - Luther Seminary - St. Paul, Minn.

Are we still doing Sunday morning just like it's 1950? In what ways have our **worship**, education and fellowship changed? How is the Holy Spirit forming community in our contexts in 2017? In the last century, Christian congregations in North America largely imagined their mission as attracting people to Sunday morning. Active Christians were imagined as those who show up. Congregations were taught to measure attendance and offerings. If you are ready to ask different questions than simply how to get people to come, Rethinking Church is for you.

2017 speakers to include:

-Tod Bolsinger joined Fuller Seminary in 2014 as vice president for vocation and formation and assistant professor of practical theology. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1993.

-Elizabeth Drescher is a scholar, writer, and public speaker on religion in everyday life, and adjunct associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Santa Clara University.

-Mihee Kim-Kort is an ordained Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church with degrees in divinity and theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and English Literature and Religious Studies from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Other speakers include Jodi Houge, Brian Hughes, Kenn Inskeep, and Rolf Jacobson.

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Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Tod Bolsinger (Author)

Explorers Lewis and Clark had to adapt. While they had prepared to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean, instead they found themselves in the Rocky Mountains. You too may feel that you are leading in a cultural context you were not expecting. You may even feel that your training holds you back more often than it carries you along. Drawing from his extensive experience as a pastor and consultant, Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches and organizations through uncharted territory. He offers a combination of illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective leadership looks like in our rapidly changing world. If you're going to scale the mountains of ministry, you need to leave behind canoes and find new navigational tools. Reading this book will set you on the right course to lead with confidence and courage.



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Mihee Kim-Kort | Pastor. Mother. Student. Writer. Itinerant. Hopemonger.

Short Bio: Mihee Kim-Kort is a Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church.



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Pastor Jodi Houge — Humble Walk

Jodi Houge was raised by North Dakota potato growers. Incidentally, she likes watching things grow. Jodi started Humble Walk in a coffee shop during her last year of seminary and has been running to catch up with where this community leads her ever since. She spends a good deal of time drinking coffee and observing life in the West End-- where she lives with her husband and 2 offspring. Her friends would describe her as a good eater.



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19) Rethinking Sunday Morning

Rethinking Sunday Morning - News - Luther Seminary

For many, it's already happening. Whether Sunday morning finds them seated at work or at a coffee shop, in the bleachers or on a pew, they're already rethinking churchgoing. And perhaps you are, too.

But what is God up to in all of this? And to what more faithful future are Christian communities now being called? What are the practices of discipleship for a post-churchgoing world?

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20) Ritual

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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Rite times: Some experiences cry for rituals that express both grace and healing power – The Lutheran

Each ritual expresses God's grace to those in a *particular place* on life's journey, a place with specific joys or sorrows.

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Rogation days - Wikipedia

Rogation days are days of prayer and fasting in [Western Christianity](#). They are observed with processions and the [Litany of the Saints](#). The so-called *major* rogation is held on 25 April; the *minor* rogations are held on Monday to Wednesday preceding [Ascension Thursday](#).^[1]



Blessing the Fields on Rogation Sunday at Hever, Kent

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Images for Rogation days

Rogation Sunday | St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Rogation Sunday – Service of Worship

Provided by Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod at a *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Your Congregation* event as one of the liturgy resources that she has implemented effectively in small membership congregation settings over the years. 317-253-3522 ext. 318 nnyland@iksynod.org

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ROGATION SUNDAY - Synod Resource Center

Welcome everyone to our Rogation Service, Rogation comes from the Latin “rogare” which means to beseech. And so, today we beseech God’s blessing for the seed, for the soil, for those who labor in the fields and for all of God’s creation . . . this includes you.

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/other/rural/>

[Images for ROGATION SUNDAY - Synod Resource Center](#)

[PDF]What Are "Rogation Days - ELCA Resource Repository

Background

Stewardship of creation is an ongoing ministry in the church. The creation, which God declared good, is entrusted to the care of humankind. Exercising that care is one dimension of daily Christian discipleship. Rogation Days are a way for the church to honor God for the gift of creation and to pray for the land, the gift of labor, and the needs of all people.

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_are_Rogation_Days.pdf

[Images for What Are "Rogation Days - ELCA Resource Repository](#)

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

22) Sacraments

A Stewardship of the Mysteries: The Management of the Word and the Sacraments [Frank C. Senn]

Proposes new ways to consider the administration of the sacraments across denominational lines in Protestant, Orthodox, and Catholic Churches. This important ecumenical book is by a first-class Lutheran scholar.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewardship-Mysteries-Management-Word-Sacraments/dp/0809138212>

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[Images for Frank C. Senn](#)

[Images for A Stewardship of the Mysteries: The Management of the Word and the Sacraments \[Frank C. Senn\]](#)

[PDF]An Introduction to the Sacraments - ELCA Resource Repository

Worship Matters: An introduction to Worship, defines a sacrament in this way:

For Lutherans, a sacrament:

- is something Jesus commanded us to do;
- uses a physical element—something we can see, touch and sometimes taste; and
- is connected with God’s promise, the word of God, which gives faith. (“Encountering God in the Sacraments,” p. 44).

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_is_a_sacrament_for_Lutherans.pdf

[Images for Introduction to the Sacraments - ELCA Resource Repository](#)

<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

Best 25+ Seven sacraments ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/seven-sacraments/>

[Images for sacraments pinterest](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/ArmaDei/sacraments/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/ktanne85/the-7-sacraments/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/the-sacrament/>

Lutheran sacraments - Wikipedia

Melanchthon’s *Apology of the Augsburg Confession* defines sacraments, according to the German text, as “outward signs and ceremonies that have God’s command and have an attached divine promise of graces”. His Latin text was shorter: “rites that have the command of God, and to which is added a promise of grace”.^[40] This strict definition narrowed the number of sacraments down to three: Holy Baptism, the Eucharist, and Holy Absolution, with the other four rites eliminated for not having the ability to forgive sin, although at least one or two have the command of God. Lutherans do not dogmatically define the exact number of sacraments.^[41] In line with Luther’s initial statement in his Large Catechism some Lutherans speak of only two

sacraments,^[42] Baptism and the Eucharist, although later in the same work he calls Confession and Absolution^[43] “the third sacrament”.^[44] The definition of sacrament in the [Apology of the Augsburg Confession](#) lists Absolution as one of them.^[45] It is important to note that although Lutherans do not consider the other four rites as sacraments, they are still retained and used in the Lutheran church (with the exception of [Extreme Unction](#) although some Lutheran churches do practice it ^[46]). Luther himself around the time of his marriage and afterwards became one of the greatest champions of [Marriage](#) (Holy Matrimony), and the other two (Confirmation and Ordination) were kept in the Lutheran Church for purposes of good order. Within Lutheranism, the sacraments are a Means of Grace, and, together with the Word of God, empower the Church for mission.^[47]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacrament#Lutheranism>

Images for Lutheran sacraments

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran_sacraments

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

What Does the Bible Say About Sacraments? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/sacraments>

Images for bible and sacraments

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Sacraments>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/sacraments/>

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/how-do-sacraments-help-us/>

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/two-sacraments/>

Images for two sacraments

23) Seasons

Liturgical year - Wikipedia

The liturgical year, also known as the church year or Christian year, as well as the calendar,^[1] consists of the cycle of liturgical **seasons** in Christian churches that determines when **feast days**, including **celebrations of saints**, are to be observed, and which portions of Scripture are to be read either in an annual cycle or in a cycle of several years.

Distinct liturgical colors may appear in connection with different seasons of the liturgical year. The dates of the festivals vary somewhat between the different churches, though the sequence and logic is largely the same.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liturgical_year

Images for Liturgical year

Seasons in the Church | - St. Luke's Lutheran Church

The images in these photo albums record the **seasons** of the church year 2016 at St. Luke's. They remind us of the scripture texts, hymns, and prayers that define each season.

<http://www.stlukespr.org/liturgical-year/>

Images for Seasons in the Church

The Wisdom of the Seasons: How the Church Year Helps Us Understand Our Congregational Stories [Charles M. Olsen]

The church year is often seen as a framework for church programs, but well-known Alban author Charles Olsen shows readers how it can be a prism through which congregations more deeply understand their own stories. By weaving together our narratives and those of Christian tradition, a congregation can clarify its identity, grow in wisdom, and discover a new vision and ministry. Olsen draws parallels between the church seasons and practices of spiritual formation--letting go, naming and celebrating God's presence, and taking hold. He shows us how these movements are expressed in the three major cycles of the church year--Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Focusing on communal narratives, he presents a process for telling a story and forming a corporate memory of the story, and then deepening and reflecting on it by exploring the season of the church year that captures its character.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Wisdom-Seasons-Understand-Congregational/dp/1566993962>

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<https://rowman.com/Action/Search/RL/alban%20books>

<https://www.amazon.com/Charles-M.-Olsen/e/B001K8HE9G>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/310946.Charles_M_Olsen

Images for Charles M. Olsen, author

Images for The Wisdom of the Seasons: How the Church Year Helps Us Understand Our Congregational Stories [Charles M. Olsen]

24) Sending

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/>

Images for Gathering, word, meal and sending - Living Lutheran

Sending

The Greek word for church used in the New Testament is *ekklesia*, which Strickland noted literally means “called out.” In worship, “we’re called in so that we can be the called-out ones,” he said. “We are gathered to praise and to lament, to be incredibly vulnerable and then to be fed, to be filled, so that we can literally be for our neighbor’s need.”

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

Images for ekklesia means called out

<https://livinglutheran.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/1906worship.pdf>

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

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

What Does the Bible Say About Sending A Blessing?

https://www.openbible.info/topics/sending_a_blessing

Images for Bible and Sending

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/God-Sending-Others>

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Christ-Sending>

<https://www.bibleodyssey.org/en/passages/related-articles/god-as-sender-jesus-as-sent>

What Is the Shape of the Liturgy - ELCA Resource Repository

Sending: “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world” (ELW p. 93) The objective of the sending is to empower the assembly to take God’s message into the world. This is typically the briefest portion of the service, often consisting of a blessing, sending, song and communion. Sending communion to the absent may also be included (see also, “How can we provide for communion of the ill, homebound, and imprisoned?”). Once strengthened by the meal, it is time for God’s people to be sent into the mission field: “Go in peace. Serve the Lord.”

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/What_is_the_pattern_of_worship.pdf

Images for What Is the Shape of the Liturgy - ELCA Resource Repository Sending:

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<https://www.elca.org/resources/worship>

Worship - Grace Lutheran Church

Sending

The sending is the shortest part of the liturgy. As the candles are extinguished and the crucifer leads the assisting minister and the pastor from the chancel, the congregation sings the [Closing Hymn](#), or Sending Hymn, which summarized Christ’s mission, through us to the world.

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

Images for Worship - Grace Lutheran Church - Sending

25) Silence

silence as worship | thinking worship

<https://thinkingworship.com/tag/silence-as-worship/>

Images for silence as worship | thinking worship

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/633/silence-is-golden>

Images for Silence is Golden

Images for silence essential for the spiritual life

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Images for silent periods of prayer and meditation

<http://www.davidsantistevan.com/silence/>

<http://religiousaffections.org/articles/articles-on-worship/including-worship-silence/>

Images for worship silence

<https://churchleaders.com/worship/worship-articles/150259-visual-silence.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/moments-of-silence-in-corporate-worship/>

<https://www.churchmotiongraphics.com/using-visual-silence-in-worship/>

Images for Visual Silence in Worship

[PDF] Silence in Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Silence is a gift that can enrich the life of a worshipping community. The rests in music are as important as the notes, and they must be counted and honored in the same way that sounds are made. In a similar fashion, silence deepens the experience of the words, music, and actions of worship.

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Repository/What is the role of silence in worship.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Repository/What%20is%20the%20role%20of%20silence%20in%20worship.pdf)

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Silence Quotes - BrainyQuote

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Images for silence quotes

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<http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/silence-quotes/>

<https://www.noisehelp.com/silence-quotes.html>

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<https://www.soulshpherd.org/bible-verses-on-solitude-and-silence/>

Images for bible verses on solitude and silence

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2016/11/16/top-7-bible-verses-about-silence/>

Images for bible verses about silence

26) Singing

Moved to sing: The greater delight is in pleasing God through our unity of voices - The Lutheran Magazine

The emergence of technological devices that play back recorded music did more to shrink peoples' confidence in singing than almost anything else. In many churches, singing has become something hired or gifted professionals do. Others consider singing the work of "performing" choirs. These shifts help make singing seem like an external option for our lives rather than an internal component of being human. Shrinking numbers of Christians view singing as an intrinsic part of a breathing faith — that expression of human emotion for which spoken words never seem to be enough. Singing is now "an extra."

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=10924

Images for Moved to sing: The greater delight is in pleasing God through our unity of voices - The Lutheran Magazine

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

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

Singing a New Tune: From coast to coast, worship languages expand - The Lutheran Magazine

Next time you pass a church where the congregation is praising God in an unfamiliar language, don't be surprised if it's an ELCA worship service in Swahili, Amharic or Oromo.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11068

Images for Singing a New Tune: From coast to coast, worship languages expand - The Lutheran Magazine

Singing: No one has ever left worship humming the sermon - The Lutheran Magazine

Some would say singing is just something we do every so often during the ritual of worship. Or maybe it's background music while something else is happening. But it's more accurate to say singing is what gets the liturgy done by the assembly, not something extra, not something to make things longer or more solemn or happier. Singing is us doing the liturgy. It is the church doing what it needs to do. There are at least two reasons why singing is challenging for many of us, why it's so countercultural, why we hesitate to raise the roof with song.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=5919

Images for Singing: No one has ever left worship humming the sermon - The Lutheran Magazine

We Are Singing the Right Hymns... Aren't We? – Parish Paper

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| I. Two Historic Worship-Hymn Preferences | Page 3 |
| II. The Big Shift in Hymn-Type Preferences | Page 4 |
| III. 1st Generation Contemporary: Modern Praise Songs | Page 6 |
| IV. 2nd Generation Contemporary: Restorational Praise & Worship Songs | Page 8 |
| IV. The Transition from 2nd Generation to 3rd Generation Contemporary | Page 12 |
| V. 3rd Generation Contemporary: Missional Worship Songs | Page 14 |

[PDF] Ch. Effectiveness Nuggets--Volume 32--We Are Singing the Right Hymns... Aren't We? - The Parish Paper

<http://www.theparishpaper.com/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%2032.pdf>

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Images for Missional Worship Songs

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

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxzkP_Fw75M Sing Through the Bible - YouTube

Images for Sing Through the Bible

27) Small Membership Congregation

Encouragement for worship leaders in small churches - YouTube

Sometimes leading worship in a small church can be frustrating - often we want more budget, or more volunteers, etc. It's important to remember that engaging worship does not depend on those things - while they are extremely important - leading with excellence and authenticity can create engaging worship in literally any environment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOcV0Ft8RbU>

Images for Encouragement for worship leaders in small churches - YouTube

From a Mustard Seed: Enlivening Worship and Music in the Small Church by Bruce G. Epperly (Author), Daryl Hollinger (Author).

In *From a Mustard Seed: Enlivening Worship and Music in the Small Church*, an experienced pastor-professor and an experienced church musician provide a model for faithful and excellent worship in congregations that average 75 or fewer people in weekly worship. While the limitations of small congregations are obvious to their members and leaders, the possibilities for creative music and worship are often greater than we can imagine. Epperly and Hollinger integrate theology, spiritual formation, and practical guidance for nurturing diverse, inspirational, and transforming worship in small congregations. Grounded in a solid theology of worship, they provide tried-and-true approaches to congregational music and singing, worship planning, liturgies that transform, and healthy partnerships between pastors and church musicians. God is present in small congregations, and the authors help pastors, church musicians, and active laypersons awaken to God's activity in every aspect of worship and music. They illuminate possibilities for opening to God in worship and music through their own stories, the stories of congregations and their pastors, practical counsel, spiritual practices, and theological reflection.

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[Images for Images for From a Mustard Seed: Enlivening Worship and Music in the Small Church by Bruce G. Epperly, Daryl Hollinger](#)

Good Liturgy, Small Parishes: Linda Osborne

Linda Osborn provides a beautiful and practical resource for those who work in small parishes. This book addresses the difficulties in implementing liturgical reform in parishes of a hundred or fewer households, providing encouragement and practical suggestions.

<http://www.amazon.com/Liturgy-Small-Parishes-Linda-Osborne/dp/1568541503>

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Images for Linda Osborne, author good liturgy, small churches

[Images for Good Liturgy, Small Parishes: Linda Osborne](#)

How to Worship in Small-Membership Congregations – Discipleship Ministries The United Methodist Church

This article is designed to give practical ideas and suggestions for celebrating the type of vital worship that is central to the life of the congregation. Worship in the small-membership congregation is the gathering of the family of faith to praise God, simply and honestly. Worship is not performance; it is the presence and a shared experience of the risen Lord. With this understanding in mind, let us examine worship in the small-membership congregation.

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<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/003463738808500109?journalCode=raeb> Planning for Worship in a Small Church

[Images for Planning for Worship in a Small Church](#)

Preaching and Worship in the Small Church by William H. Willimon, Robert L. Wilson

There is much value in “thinking small,” says William H. Willimon and Robert L. Wilson. The importance of the small-membership church is illuminated in this thoughtful and insightful assessment. In *Preaching and Worship in the Small Church*, authors Willimon and Wilson identify the problems facing small churches and offer well-grounded advice for solving them. The need for this is seen in the fact that from one-half to two-thirds of Protestant churches in the United States are small (fewer than two hundred members). These tightly knit little communities of faith focus mainly on the very basic and much-overlooked fundamentals of Christian theology. As the authors note, “It is in such family-like churches that true worship renewal will occur.”

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https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/15417950.Robert_L_Wilson

Images for Robert L. Wilson (author) preaching and worship

[Images for Preaching and Worship in the Small Church by William H. Willimon, Robert L. Wilson](#)

Where 20 or 30 Are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church (Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations) [Peter G. Bush, H. Christine O'Reilly]

While worship is the primary purpose of all churches, worship in the small church is distinctive. Whether a house church, a new church plant, a rural church along a country road, or a city church whose neighborhood demographics have shifted, these small faith communities present unique opportunities and challenges for worship leaders.

Peter Bush and Christine O'Reilly draw on their passion and experience equipping lay people to plan and lead worship to answer the question, what makes for effective worship leadership in family-size congregations, where fewer than 50 people gather Sunday by Sunday to worship? Addressing the needs of small churches in rural, suburban, and urban contexts, the authors discuss the characteristics of family-size congregations, the variety of ways they are organized, the joys and challenges of worship and

preaching in small congregations, and best worship practices in small congregations. The challenges of the multi-point or yoked pastoral charge and of congregations without clergy receive special consideration.

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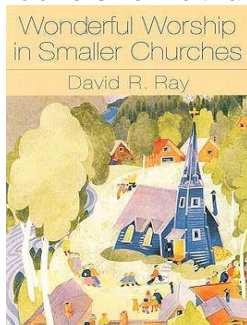
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Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches [David Ray]

Just as Ray's volume, *The Indispensable Guide to Smaller Churches* is the closest thing to an "Encyclopedia of Small Church Development" one may find, so *Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches* is the best overall guide to worship in churches with fewer than 100 in attendance. Even if one has read the summation of Ray's principles on worship in *The Indispensable Guide*, this volume is well worth a separate read for more substantive coverage.



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Images for Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches [David Ray]

Worshiping in the Small Membership Church (Ministry in the Small Membership Church) by Robin Knowles Wallace (Author)

Offers pastors new inspiration and fresh worship encounters with God.

Worship is the most important time in the life of the gathered faithful. Inspirational and accessible, this book is will help pastors and worship leaders fully ground worship in scripture and tradition while being responsive to current times. Included: practical worship helps for the Christian year, tips to involve the congregation in leadership and participation, ways to incorporate music and other arts in worship, and select ideas for congregations of up to one hundred.

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28) Smartphones

Four Reasons to Welcome Smartphone Use in the Worship Service – ThomRainer.com

These four reasons all involve using your smartphone to share or enhance what's going on in the worship service.

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Should you use your smartphone during worship? | Christian Today

Paul writes to the Corinthians that everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial (1 Corinthians 6:12) and this wisdom can guide us as we consider the ramifications of using smartphones during worship services.

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29) Spiritual

Changing Course: Leading Older Churches in a New Direction [Terry Smith]

There are thousands of churches dotting the American landscape that have lost their way. They may well have a storied history, but attendance is lagging and few, if any, people are coming to faith in Christ through their ministries. Meanwhile, their witness and influence are desperately needed in their communities. How can these churches experience a change of direction and get back on course? How can they recapture a sense of passion for the mission Jesus has given them to fulfill?

This book was written with the hope that these churches can experience **spiritual** renewal and once again make a dynamic kingdom difference in their communities. It will provide some practical steps for churches to begin to move in a new direction and share stories of churches that have already started this journey. Lift your sails in to the wind of the Holy Spirit so that He can steer your church in a new direction and propel it forward.



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Protestant Spiritual Traditions: [Frank C. Senn (Editor)]

A collection of essays opening up the traditions of spirituality within the major Protestant ecclesial communities.

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30) Stewardship

Christians, Christians, Everywhere, How Do Your Gardens Grow?: A Service for Youth Stewardship by Cynthia E. Cowen (Author)

Christians, Christians, Everywhere, How Do Your Gardens Grow? Helps congregations to get the proper focus on stewardship for youth through a suggested order of service to be presented by youth. Within the service are songs, a skit and meditation, all centered on a gardening theme.

Cynthia E. Cowen writes that her goal for this resource is to enable youth to participate in a worship service based on the theme of sowing and reaping in the kingdom of God.

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Images for Christians, Christians, Everywhere, How Do Your Gardens Grow?: A Service for Youth Stewardship by Cynthia E. Cowen

Offerings: Remarks on Passing the Plate by Robert A. Thayer

This small volume is a collection of motivational articles, offertory words, and one song for use by worship leaders in the congregation.

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31) Styles

Alban at Duke Divinity School » Changing Styles of Worship

What changes are congregations making in worship? Why and how are those changes being made? And what processes and resources are available for congregations? Alban senior consultants Gil Rendle, Susan Nienaber, and Dan Hotchkiss joined together to discuss these questions and compare their personal experiences from various types of congregations in different geographical locations. Here are some of their findings:

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Conflict Over Styles of Worship? | Renewing Worship NC

As long as we have had organized church and people with personal preferences, there has been conflict over styles of worship.

Take a look at this brief video that adds some humor to the conflict in worship.

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Styles of Worship - Discipleship Ministries | Equipping World

What makes a worship service alternative or “emergent”? What is “blended” worship?

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The Styles of Worship - Discipleship Tools

The main focus is to be our love and passion for Christ as our Lord, and what He has done for us fervently being made known. We are to pour out our hearts and minds with gratitude and adoration. The object of the worship experience is our Lord. And, I cannot make this point any clearer: the object is not arrangements, talent, or personalities. The object is not the style or the people who are singing and playing the instruments. We are not putting on a performance just to entertain others; we are performing for our Lord. The worship experience must never be just a show. Yes, we are to perform our best for His glory, but not by the sacrifice of the main things!

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32) Sunday

A Brief History of Sunday: From the New Testament to the New Creation by Justo L. González (Author)

In this accessible historical overview of Sunday, scholar Justo González tells the story of how and why Christians have worshiped on Sunday from the earliest days of the church to the present.

After discussing the views and practices relating to Sunday in the ancient church, González turns to Constantine and how his policies affected Sunday observances. He then recounts the long process, beginning in the Middle Ages and culminating with Puritanism, whereby Christians came to think of and strictly observe Sunday as the Sabbath. Finally, González looks at the current state of things, exploring especially how the explosive growth of the church in the majority world has affected the observance of Sunday worldwide.

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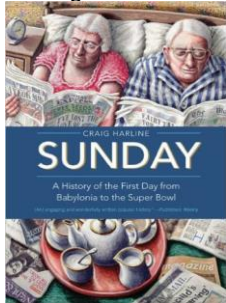
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Images for A Brief History of Sunday by Justo L. González (Author)

Sunday: A History of the First Day from Babylonia to the Super Bowl [Craig Harline]

The mere mention of Sunday will immediately conjure up a rich mixture of memories, associations and ideas for anyone of any age. Whatever we think of Sunday, it occupies a unique place in Western civilization. But how did we come to have a day with such a singular set of traditions? Here, historian Craig Harline examines Sunday from its ancient beginnings to contemporary America in a fascinating blend of stories and analysis. For early Christians, the first day of the week was a time to celebrate the liturgy and observe the Resurrection. But over time, Sunday in the Western world took on other meanings and rituals, especially with the addition of both rest and recreation to the day's activities. Harline illuminates these changes in enlightening profiles of Sunday in medieval Catholic England, Sunday in the Reformation, and Sunday in nineteenth-century France - home of the most envied and sometimes despised Sunday traditions of the modern world. He continues with moving portraits of soldiers and civilians trying to observe Sunday during World War I, examines the quiet Sunday of England in the 1930s, and concludes with the convergence of various European traditions in the American Sunday, which also adds some distinctly original habits of its own, in the realms of commerce and professional sports. With engaging prose and scholarly integrity, "Sunday" is an entertaining and long-overdue look at a significant hallmark of Western culture.



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Images for Sunday: A History of the First Day from Babylonia to the Super Bowl [Craig Harline]

Sunday: Why this day for our assembly? Why Sunday? - The Lutheran Magazine

Some say the third commandment compels us to be here. But Saturday is the Sabbath and our Christian practice of worship on Sunday doesn't change that. Sunday isn't the Christian Sabbath, the day of rest. It's something else. It's more.

The most obvious reason we assemble on Sunday for Eucharist is that this is the day Christ rose from the dead and we celebrate the Paschal Mystery in this holy meal. We know from our history that Christians have gathered on Sunday for the word and meal even before one Sunday a year was kept as Easter. Sunday as the day of resurrection is certainly one of the primary reasons we gather. But there's more.

Before there were days, before time, divine love overflowed and God said: "Let there be light!" So, Sunday is the first day, the day when the Creator began creating, separating the light from the darkness. Sunday is the day of beginnings, the day when God first looked at creation and called it good.

What better day to see Christ rise? So, the first day is also the third day, the day on which Christ rose from the dead. On the third day, a trinity of women came to know God as savior and redeemer. For when they went to the cemetery in the predawn darkness, they were dazzled by the glory of an angel and a neatly folded shroud in an otherwise empty tomb.

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Sunday - Wikipedia

Sunday (ⁱ/ˈsʌndeɪ/ or ⁱ/ˈsʌndi/) is the [day of the week](#) following [Saturday](#) but before [Monday](#). For most Christians, Sunday is observed as a day of worship and rest, holding it as the [Lord's Day](#), the day of Christ's resurrection. Sunday is a day of rest in most Western countries, part of 'the [weekend](#)'. In most [Muslim countries](#) and [Israel](#), Sunday is the first work day of the week. According to the [Hebrew calendars](#) and traditional Christian calendars, Sunday is the ninth day of the week, and according to the [International Organization for Standardization ISO 8601](#) Sunday is the seventh and last day of the week. No [century](#) in the [Gregorian calendar](#) starts on a Sunday, whether its first year is '00 or '01.^[1] The [Jewish New Year](#) never falls on a Sunday. (The rules of the Hebrew calendar are designed such that the first day of [Rosh Hashanah](#) will never occur on the first, fourth, or sixth day of the Jewish week; i.e., Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday).

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The Origins of Sunday Worship in the Early Church | Grace Communion International

Thesis statement: Although seventh-day Sabbatarians cite evidence that Jesus and the primitive church kept a seventh-day Sabbath, nevertheless first and second-century church writers show that some Christian communities began to meet on the first day of the week after Jesus' resurrection, and that worship began to shift from the seventh day to the first day of the week at that time. The early church gave warrants for making this shift from the Gospels and the Pauline writings.

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[PDF]Why Worship on Sunday - ELCA Resource Repository

Christians gather for worship on Sunday. Worship on this day is a witness to Christ, his resurrection, and the hope of his return.

Although assemblies gather for worship on other days, Sunday continues to be the primary day for worship. The Use of the Means of Grace, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's statement on the practices of word and sacrament notes:

Sunday, the day of Christ's resurrection and of the appearances to the disciples by the crucified and risen Christ, is the primary day on which Christians gather to worship. Within this assembly, the Word is read and preached and the sacraments are celebrated. (UMG Principle 6)

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33) Table

Come to God's Table, Preparing for Holy Communion - Augsburg Fortress

This five-session study helps 5th and 6th graders prepare for Holy Communion and teaches them about the love of God and how this meal shared with many brings forgiveness, life, salvation, and hope to those who trust in Jesus' promise and his love.

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Leading from the Table (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) by Paul Galbreath (Author)

The communion table stands as an intersection between Word and Sacrament, between memory and hope, between pastor and congregation, between receiving and serving, and between community and individual. Leading from the table, says Paul Galbreath, professor of preaching and worship, is a way of thinking, speaking, acting, and living that grows out of learning to recognize and embody these connections in our lives as a congregation and as individuals. Developing leadership skills that connect the congregation's eucharistic practice to the life and work of the church is essential to moving toward unity within congregations, denominations, and throughout the church. This book is not a how-to manual on presiding techniques, however. Rather, this book is a series of reflections about the way the prayer at the communion table provides a pattern for our lives. The goal is to shift our understanding of table prayer from a formula led by the pastor to a road map that highlights intersections between the practices at the table and the daily practices in the life of the community that gathers around the table.

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Northwest Synod of WI ELCA (nswi) on Pinterest
<https://www.pinterest.com/nswi/>

34) Technology

[PDF]Can Technology Help Lead Congregational Singing - ELCA Resource Repository

For all three of these congregations, the latest computer technology could offer an answer. It is now possible for instruments to be programmed and played by digital sequencers without human manipulation. Digital hymnals can play all the hymns or songs in a printed hymnal over an audio system.

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Can_technology_help_lead_congregational_singing.pdf

Images for Can Technology Help Lead Congregational Singing - ELCA Resource Repository
<https://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/FAQ>

High-Tech Worship?: Using Presentational Technologies Wisely [Quentin J. Schultze]

Increasing numbers of churches today use high-tech tools such as videos and PowerPoint presentations in their worship services. But without wisdom, those tools can turn their services more into entertainment than worship. How can churches use technology to communicate meaning instead of seducing people with special effects? How can technology be adopted to help people connect with God and each other to foster authentic worship?

High-Tech Worship? takes a careful look at these issues, giving readers practical guidance on how they can best use the gift of technology in their churches. Both clergy and lay leaders will benefit from its creative suggestions as they seek to integrate technology wisely into their worship services.

Written by nationally known communications expert Quentin J. Schultze, *High-Tech Worship?* addresses an important yet often overlooked issue that affects the quality of worship in every church.

<http://www.amazon.com/High-Tech-Worship-Presentational-Technologies-Wisely/dp/0801064805>

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Images for Quentin J. Schultze, author

Images for High-Tech Worship?: Using Presentational Technologies Wisely [Quentin J. Schultze]

Technology can connect: Congregations can use laptops to bring worshipers together | The Lutheran

Opportunities to draw individuals into worship for life events are many. All you need at both ends is a laptop or [iPad](#) with a Web cam; the free [Skype](#) software; and a fast wireless or cellular connection. [Skype](#) is no replacement for being somewhere in person. But on certain occasions like this, it can create a foretaste of our great communion prayer, of when we gather as the church from all times and all places, that now can mean virtually as well.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=10237

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

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

Technology in Worship: Beyond PowerPoint

No matter how they use technology, one value distinguishes churches that do it best. "They make a thoughtful match between who they are every day and how they worship. They don't separate worship from life," says [Brian Fuller](#), an Emmy Award-winning director and editor. He and Robb Redman produced *FutureWorship 1.0*, a DVD of best technology practices in churches.

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/technology-in-worship-beyond-powerpoint/>

Images for Technology in Worship: Beyond PowerPoint

Technology in worship | The Lutheran

[First English Lutheran Church](#), Wapakoneta, Ohio, uses technology to add to its worship. Not only does the church make use of a screen to project hymns, but it also uses video cameras. The live-feed cameras give worshipers an up-close view of baptisms, children's time and other parts of the services. Services are also burned on DVD for homebound members and others who miss worship.

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35) Transcendence

Immanence and Transcendence – Br. Geoffrey Tristram | SSJE

And yet, we shouldn't let our sense of God's immanence make us forget that other great truth, which is God's transcendence. We must not become so chummy and relaxed with God that we lose sight of his utter holiness and glory, such as to make us want to bow down and worship, in awe and wonder. So, it is right that our worship reflects this also. That we enter God's house with a sense of entering a holy place: that we approach the altar and receive Holy Communion with awe: that we worship with due reverence and dignity.



<http://ssje.org/ssje/2013/01/08/immanence-and-transcendence-br-geoffrey-tristram/>

<http://ssje.org/ssje/author/br-geoffrey-tristram/>

Images for Transcendence – Br. Geoffrey Tristram | SSJE

IMMANENCE AND TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD IN WORSHIP

In many ways, our current embodying of this tension in the church has been mistakenly blurred and misguided by the cultural trends around us. Marva Dawn speaks against much of this, writing how the church has been infected with "the modern compulsive 'need' to be entertained". How our TV and pop-culture generation has developed Christian celebrities in the church, who she harshly writes "are not heroes; they foster instead narcissistic idealization, spectacle, and passivity". With this, the church has sadly, in many ways, become passive and only an entertaining presentation, missing much of what it is to worship, for "worship cannot take place without our response to God himself".

<http://www.ccws.ca/theology/papers/Immanence%20and%20Transcendence%20of%20God%20in%20Worship.PDF>

Images for TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD IN WORSHIP

62 best Transcendence images on Pinterest

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Images for Transcendence on Pinterest

The Critical Need of Transcendence in Worship - Jeff Ling

But in worship today, there is a tendency toward casualness. The emphasis on feeling God's closeness in worship may short-circuit the possibility of being transformed by a glimpse of the Transcendent One. There's hardly any room for feeling awe in worship, and I can't help but think that part of our problem is the form.

<http://www.jeffling.com/the-critical-need-of-transcendence-in-worship/>
Images for Transcendence in Worship

The Meaning of Transcendence in the Postmodern World

In its most popular use of the term, transcendence seems to refer to what can best be described as an experience or a temporary state of mind. Transcendence is what we experience when we achieve a (usually quite brief) sensation that we are out-of-the-ordinary, and that we have somehow entered the extraordinary. It may be achieved through music, silence, visual stimulation or chemical stimulation. It is a feeling of ecstasy, oneness, rapture, awe, energy, in short, an experience that is out-of-this-world. It is what opera does to Inspector Morse, or what Rave music and Rave parties do to thousands of partygoers every weekend (sometimes, though not always aided by chemical stimulants). It is what I experienced when I attended the evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral some time ago, and the high voices of the boy choirs filled that immense space, echoing left and right. It is also what millions of evangelicals experience when they come together for a time of worship and praise.

<http://www.opensourcetheology.net/node/158>
Images for Transcendence in the Postmodern World

Transcendence (religion) - Wikipedia

Christianity

The Catholic Church, as do other Christian Churches, holds that God transcends all creation.^[6] According to [Aquinas](#), "...concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is, but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."^[7] Anthropomorphic depictions of God are largely metaphorical and reflect the challenge of "human modes of expression" in attempting to describe the infinite.^[8] [St. Augustine](#) observed "...[I]t is only by the use of such human expressions that Scripture can make its many kinds of readers whom it wants to help to feel, as it were, at home."^[9] The "sense of transcendence" and therefore, an awareness of the "sacred", is an important component of the liturgy.^[10] God is recognized as both transcendent and [immanent](#).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transcendence_\(religion\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transcendence_(religion))
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<https://biblehub.com/topical/t/transcendent.htm>
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<https://bible.org/illustration/meaning-transcendence>
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<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2006/july-online-only/jul2006.html> God's Transcendence | CT Pastors - Christianity Today
<https://www.compellingtruth.org/transcendent.html>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/1145-God-transcendence>
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<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/a-grid-for-understanding-biblical-and-unbiblical-transcendence-and-immanence/>
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<https://frame-poythress.org/god-and-biblical-language-transcendence-and-immanence/>
Images for biblical language transcendence

36) Vision

Creating a Vision for Worship at Your Church | The Network

Bellevue CRC Worship Vision statement: Worship at BCRC, through the power of the Spirit, is biblical, participatory and missional.

<http://network.crcna.org/worship/creating-vision-worship-your-church>
Images for Creating a Vision for Worship at Your Church | The Network

Developing a Worship Vision - ChurchLeaders.com

Vision is a key ingredient to ministry. I hope that this article inspires you to enter a partnership with God for your future through a compelling tangible vision of your own ministry. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (KJV, Eph. 3:20). May God empower to excel in the work He has commissioned to you.

<http://www.churchleaders.com/worship/worship-how-tos/138445-developing-a-worship-vision.html>
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<https://www.churchleadership.com/category/50-ways/>

Worship as a Vision-Building Work of God - Alban Institute

Lately, however, I have come to understand that when the guiding vision for a congregation has been formed by a structured conversation about God's calling for a particular place and time, that guiding vision—a God-centered vision—needs to be voiced in the weekly worship narrative of God's people.

[Alban at Duke Divinity School » Worship as a Vision-Building Work of God](https://alban.org/archive/worship-as-a-vision-building-work-of-god/)

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[Images for How to Attract First Time Worship Visitors - Parish Paper](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/the-parish-paper)

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Why Are Worship Visitors Important? – Parish Paper

Question: Someone told me that only one in ten first-time worship visitors return a second time, a third time, and eventually become members. We don't want our church membership to keep shrinking during the next few years. But does that formula mean we must have 100 first-time visitors in order to add 10 new members?

Answer: Like so many generalities, that formula contains some truth, but not enough! Review the following list of additional and equally important factors. Decide which of these predict your church's future.

[PDF] P.P.--10-2010--Why Are Worship Visitors Important

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38) Websites

Anastasis Productions Christian Drama and Performing Arts

Christian Drama on the Web Scripts and links to other Christian drama sites.

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

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Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians is a service and professional organization dedicated to strengthening the ministry of worship and music in the Lutheran church. ALCM serves through a wide range of publications, conferences, and local, regional, and national events. Membership is drawn from all major Lutheran bodies and is open to all church musicians, pastors, congregations, and lay people who share the goals of the organization.

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

Images for Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

Augsburg Music – Leading the Church's Song

For over a century, Augsburg Music has been serving churches across North America and around the world with beautiful, enriching, and deeply faithful music for worship. From adult choirs, large or small, to children's choirs beginning their musical journey; from organ and piano to keyboard with instruments; from solo vocal to liturgical music, Augsburg Music offers top-drawer, accessible music for every church.

www.augsburgmusic.org/

Images for Augsburg Music – Leading the Church's Song

Christian Drama and Mime

Free Christian dramas on seasonal and biblical themes. Full scripts available for immediate download.

<http://www.users.on.net/~pole/drama/drama.html>

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[Drama Scripts](#)

[Drama Script](#)

[Plays Scripts](#)

[Play Scripts for Kids](#)

[Acting Scripts](#)

[Drama Classes for Kids](#)

[Acting School Classes](#)

[Drama Lessons](#)

http://www.churchdrama.org/scripts/script_archive.html

Images for churchdrama.org

Clergy Stuff | Cool resources for ministry

Stuff you need to do ministry.

<http://clergystuff.com/>

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Institute of Liturgical Studies - Valparaiso University

April 24-26, 2017 - (500th Year of the Reformation)
Liturgy Serving the Life of the Church: How Worship Re-forms Us
Timo-Matti Haapianen, Timothy Wengert, Plenary Presenters

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Jessica Duckworth, Paul Hoffman, Maxwell Johnson, and Craig Satterlee, Plenary Presenters. Ruth Duck and Mark Mummert, hymn commission.

<http://www.valpo.edu/ils/>

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Lift up your hearts! | Worship.ca

Worship & Spirituality Site of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

<http://www.worship.ca/>

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Liturgical Conference

The Liturgical Conference advocates for the renewal of liturgy, supports the formation of liturgical people, seeks the unity of the body of Christ, for the life of the world.

<https://liturgicalconference.org/>

[Images for Liturgical Conference](#)

Liturgy by TLW: Original services, worship ideas, and activities

The work contained here is original material written over many years, with inspiration provided by my parish situations, requests from pastors, synods, and bishops of the Church. I write all my work from the “ground up,” with the belief that liturgy comes out of the needs of the people. Like the “little liturgies” of the Psalms, I try to bring the prayers and praises of the people of a particular time, place, and situation to God, and then speak God’s living word to them in grace-filled response.

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

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Liturgy | Worship that works – spirituality that connects

On this site, there are about two thousand blog posts and hundreds of other pages.

<http://liturgy.co.nz/>

[Images for Liturgy | Worship that works – spirituality that connects](#)

Lutheran Hymnal

These are the traditional songs of worship and praise from Lutheran Hymnals presented in midi, in mp3, in lyrics and in sheet music.

[Hymn Site of Lutheran Hymnal Com](#)

<http://lutheran-hymnal.com/>

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Oremus

daily prayer, liturgy, hymns, prayer resources since 1993

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

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Prelude Music Planner

A music planning tool created by church musicians for church musicians. *Prelude Music Planner* is an online tool that makes worship planning easy and efficient.

<http://preludemusicplanner.org/>

[Images for Prelude Music Planner](#)

re:Worship

Scripturally-based resources for worship planners and leaders

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/>

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Spirit & Truth Publishing | Faith Formation Resources

Narrative Lectionary, Cross+Generational & Worship Education Resources. Learn More Now.

<http://spiritandtruthpublishing.com/>

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Sundays & Seasons — A rich and reliable resource for worship planning.

Sundays and Seasons follows the three-year lectionary cycle and provides everything you need to support your worship ministry in one convenient location, always accessible online.

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

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Worship.ca |

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<http://www.worship.ca/>

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Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

For Lutherans, worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship>

<http://www.elca.org/worship/>

Images for Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

WorshipHouse Media | Church Videos, Worship Media, Christian mini movies, motion backgrounds

WorshipHouse Media exists to provide worship videos and church media resources for people like you - pastors, worship leaders, small group leaders and anyone involved with worship planning. We've been in the worship media world for over 6 years, and we love offering the best of the best in ministry resources to churches, ministries, schools and other faith-based organizations.

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

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Worship Resources - Augsburg Fortress

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/257594/Worship>

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Worship - Synod Resource Center

Worship [Worship Web Links <-- Click here]. Worship Services. Church Seasons, Worship Assistants, Worship Spaces, Sermons. Worship Aids.

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/>

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Worshipping with Children

Including children in the congregation's worship, using the Revised Common Lectionary.

<http://worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com/>

Images for Worshipping with Children Including children in the congregation's worship

39) Wednesday Services of Worship

Churches shifting to Wednesday worship – USATODAY.com

"It has opened the door a little bit more for the younger generation because it's a little bit different and informal," said Linda Folstad, a member of the evangelism committee at Hesper Lutheran Church. "And that's what we were hoping for."

<http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/religion/story/2012-07-16/churches-wednesday-worship/56257864/1>

Images for Churches shifting to Wednesday worship – USATODAY.com

If it's Wednesday, it must be church: After 25 years of trying, Syracuse church connects with the community - The Lutheran Magazine

In south Syracuse, N.Y., [Atonement Lutheran Church](#) has been trying since 1985 to make a difference in the lives of the poor community it serves.

"It's one of the poorest in the nation," Nelson W. Gaetz, a pastor of [Atonement](#), said of the community where hunger, homicide and hopelessness abound. Broken families are common along with unemployment, crime and drug use.

[Atonement's](#) projects, including housing, day-care, after-school and community center programs, help improve conditions in the area. But in the past, residents have shown little interest in joining the 105-year-old church. That changed by adding a Wednesday night service last year.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=8475

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

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40) Welcome

[PDF] A Rally Day Friendship Welcome

This resource is designed to help your congregation plan an effective Rally Day Friendship Welcome. It offers: A theme, A Child Shall Lead Them, with reflections on the role of children as evangelists, Guidance for a time of preparation and motivation before your Rally Day, including Exercises to evaluate your present and potential Sunday school target audience, and Suggestions for child friendly worship and educational activities you can consider for your day of celebration.

<http://www.neiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/A-Rally-Day-Friendship-Welcome.pdf>

Images for Rally Day Friendship Welcome

50 Ways to Welcome New People - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

One key to effective outreach is making sure that worship visitors feel truly welcome. These 50 Ways will help your congregation make a good first impression and extend hospitality in meaningful ways.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/50-ways/50-ways-to-welcome-new-people/>

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https://www.churchleadership.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/50_Ways_to_Build_Strength_in_Welcoming_New_People.pdf

<https://churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-articles/161842-how-to-create-a-welcoming-church-culture.html>

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<https://www.churchleadership.com/50-ways/50-ways-to-welcome-a-new-pastor/>

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

[PDF] Table and font: Who is welcome? - ELCA Resource Repository

Who is welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion in ELCA congregations?

This question is at the heart of a church-wide conversation that all ELCA members are encouraged to join.

[An invitation from our Presiding Bishop and Director for Worship](#)

Resources

[The Use of the Means of Grace](#)

[Study Guide](#)

[The Use of the Means of Grace: Why it Matters to Congregations](#)

[Biblical and Confessional Resources](#)

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An astute rethinking of theology and pastoral ministry that overcomes sentimental notions of hospitality.

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41) Word

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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Word

Prayers and Scripture readings, sermons and testimonies, and hymns and songs are each part of the word of worship. For Strickland, word is also a place of continued incarnation. “We hear sacred stories, not just for the sake of history but for the sake of giving us a place in these sacred stories today,” he said. “God—Immanuel—is still with us.”

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

Images for Scripture readings, sermons and testimonies

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What Is the Shape of the Liturgy - ELCA Resource Repository

Word: “God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song” (ELW p. 92) The corporate hearing of God’s word has its roots in Jewish tradition. From the earliest times, reading -- singing -- reading -- singing created a natural rhythm of proclamation and response. The rhythm provides quiet time for worshipers to listen attentively and active time to respond, reflect, and prepare for what is coming -- preaching on the proclaimed texts. In a world of short attention spans, it is a pattern worth keeping. Within the liturgy of the Word, the traditional order has been Old Testament reading, psalm, New Testament reading, gospel acclamation, Holy Gospel, and sermon.

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Worship - Grace Lutheran Church

Word

The **First Reading** (except during Easter, when it is from Acts) is from the Old Testament. The lector begins with “A reading from . . .” and ends with “*The word of the Lord*,” to which the congregation replies, “*Thanks be to God*.”

Next is the Psalm of the Day, which is sung (with the choir or cantor) or read responsively (with the assisting minister or lector). In the 5th century, Pope Celestine decreed that the psalm should be sung antiphonally (back and forth).

The **Second Reading**, is from the epistles or letters of the New Testament. It begins and ends the same way as the First Reading. The congregation stands in respect to the presence of Jesus Christ in the next reading.

The **Gospel** is a reading from one of the four books of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. After the pastor exclaims “*The Holy Gospel according to . . .*,” the congregation replies, “*Glorify to you, O Lord*.” After reading the Gospel, the pastor says, “*The Gospel of the Lord*,” to which the congregation replies, “*Praise to you, O Christ*.”

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

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42) Word and Sacrament

Central Things: Worship in Word and Sacrament by Gordon W. Lathrop (Author)

A revised and expanded edition of the 1994 classic *What are the essentials of Christian worship?*

The Worship Matters Studies Series examines key worship issues through studies by pastors, musicians, and lay people from

throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Features include:

- Informal and insightful writing for all readers
- Study questions at the end of every chapter
- Examines vital issues in weekly worship
- Helps leaders and congregants understand and experience worship more richly

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ROSTERED MINISTER

*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

- 1) preach the Word;
- 2) administer the sacraments;

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A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament

Adopted for Guidance and Practice EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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43) Work of the People

The Work of the People

Visual media for worship based on the Revised Common Lectionary, including videos, loops, and stills.

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

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

Images for Work of the People visual media for worship

The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why (Vital Worship Healthy Congregations) by Marlea

Gilbert (Author), Christopher Grundy (Author), Eric T. Myers (Author), Stephanie Perdeu (Author)

Worship is the work of the people of God. Patterns of worship shape how we pray and how we live. Despite its centrality to church life, worship is too often taken for granted as something a congregation experiences rather than collectively creates. The Work of the People simply and clearly explains the structure of worship, the actions and words we use in liturgy, the environment in which it all happens - in other words, what we are doing and why. This book will guide congregations in worshiping in a way that encourages participants' spiritual growth, welcomes new participants into faith, and sends people out as the body of Christ to transform the world. Respectful of local custom and the traditions and practices of the Church as a whole, The Work of the People will help worship leaders make the best use of their congregation's resources and clarify their choices about how they will worship together. Built around a basic service - gathering, service of the Word, Eucharist, and sending - this book is both theological and practical, and encourages all worshippers' active participation in Spirit-led worship of the God of all Creation.

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Translating Liturgy into "The Work of the People" - Direction Journal

Many congregations have rediscovered that public worship is not a presentation by a select few, but rather an activity and effort of the entire congregation. In those settings where once a minister presided and a choir responded, now all worshippers join to participate in prayer, singing, ministering and speaking. The members of these congregations are affirming that worship is what they do together, not what they have done for them. For these congregations, worship is active, not passive. It is the "work of the people."

<http://www.directionjournal.org/16/1/translating-liturgy-into-work-of-people.html>
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Worship And The Work of the People | ...In the Meantime - David Lose

What we commonly call worship is also regularly named "liturgy." That word comes from two Greek words: "laos," meaning people; and "orgia," meaning work. In short, then, liturgy translates quite naturally to mean "the work of the people." In our gathering on Sunday mornings, and in and through similar gatherings of all Christians throughout the world, we come together to give expression to the faith of the Church. We gather to express, both verbally and physically, what is valued and vital to the community, both our faith community wherever we may gather and the whole Christian Church of which our congregations are each but a part.

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44) Worship

A More Profound Alleluia: Theology and Worship in Harmony (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies Series) [Leanne Van Dyk]

Two questions lie at the heart of this rich, suggestive book: *What are the theological implications of worship?* and *What are the liturgical implications of theology?* Convinced that worship and theology are integrally related, the authors of *A More Profound Alleluia* show in practical terms how liturgy and doctrine fruitfully illuminate each other. Each chapter pairs an element of the worship service with related Christian teachings, clearly demonstrating how the great doctrines of the faith find their natural expression in the drama of worship and how the liturgy in turn finds its corollary in doctrine. The interrelation of theology and worship is illustrated with anecdotes from congregational life, resources drawn from church history, and themes from novels and films. Each chapter also includes two hymn texts that exemplify orthodox doctrine communicated through song. *A More Profound Alleluia* will be a valuable text for courses in theology or worship, will help worship leaders to plan services with greater theological depth, and will enhance worship for Christian believers generally. Contributors: Ronald P. Byars, William A. Dyrness, Martha L. Moore-Keish, David L. Stubbs, Leanne Van Dyk, John D. Witvliet

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Christian worship - Wikipedia

In Christianity, worship is the act of attributing reverent honour and homage to God.^[1] In the **New Testament**, various words are used to refer to the term worship. One is *proskuneo* ("to worship") which means to bow down to God or kings.^[2]

Throughout most of Christianity's history, corporate Christian worship has been liturgical, characterized by prayers and hymns, with texts rooted in, or closely related to, the Scripture, particularly the Psalter; this form of sacramental and ceremonial worship is still practiced by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican churches, as well as some Protestant denominations such as Lutheranism and Methodism. In Evangelicalism, worship is viewed like an act of adoration of God, with a more informal conception.

The term liturgy is derived from the Greek *leitourgia* meaning "public service" and is formed by two words: "laos" (people) and "ergon" (work), literally "work of the people". Responsorial prayers are a series of petitions read or sung by a leader with responses made by the congregation. Set times for prayer during the day were established (based substantially on Jewish models), and a festal cycle throughout the Church year governed the celebration of feasts and holy days pertaining to the events in the life of Jesus, the lives of the saints, and aspects of the Godhead.

A great deal of emphasis was placed on the forms of worship, as they were seen in terms of the Latin phrase *lex orandi, lex credendi* ("the rule of prayer is the rule of belief")—that is, the specifics of one's worship express, teach, and govern the doctrinal beliefs of the community. According to this view, alterations in the patterns and content of worship would necessarily reflect a change in the faith itself. Each time a heresy arose in the Church, it was typically accompanied by a shift in worship for the heretical group. Orthodoxy in faith also meant orthodoxy in worship, and vice versa. Thus, unity in Christian worship was understood to be a fulfillment of Jesus' words that the time was at hand when true worshipers would worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23).



Worship at a Byzantine Catholic altar

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Creative Worship Resources: Series A, B, C Supplements

Adored by pastors and congregations alike, Creative Worship Resources has become the platinum standard in easy-to-use, creative ideas for all aspects of worship. The brainchild of Dr. Arden Mead, renowned liturgiologist (and life-long parish pastor!), these are the resources (litanies, liturgies, hymns, sermons, dramatic readings, clip art) that you will actually USE! There are more than 500 pages of resources in a convenient 3-ring binder!

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Discerning the Spirits: A Guide to Thinking about Christian Worship Today (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Liturgical Studies) [Cornelius Plantinga Jr., Sue A. Rozeboom (Author).

Christian worship in North America has undergone great change in recent years. But change always brings uncertainty -- at times even division - about what constitutes "authentic worship." This important book reviews a wide variety of current perspectives and offers a fresh outlook on the contemporary practice of Christian worship.

In order to provide the widest, most insightful discussion on present-day worship practices yet assembled, the authors gathered a team of church musicians, ministers, worship leaders, and educators from eight church traditions. *Discerning the Spirits* is the fruit of their work. Shaped by the wisdom of men and women like Marva Dawn, Justo Gonzalez, C. Michael Hawn, and John Witvliet, this book broadens today's "worship wars" into a bigger, richer discussion that moves from arguments over musical tastes to good thinking about the overall purpose of worship in relation to church life and God himself. Sidebar articles and quotes are meant to draw readers and study groups into dialogue on these issues.

Whether one plays a leadership role in church worship or is simply grappling with questions about it, *Discerning the Spirits* is a must-read.

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Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations by David Poling-Goldenne (Author), L. Shannon Jung (Author)
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God's Spirit is breathing new vitality into rural congregations! Hear what 26 effective rural congregations have to say about God's activity in and through them. In these stories, you can explore the best practices for vital ministry and identify action steps for your own setting.

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Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations [Robert Schnase]

People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, **Passionate Worship**, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Imagine a congregation-wide focus on these practices that includes a five-week sermon series, five weeks with every household reading daily devotions and sharing prayers on these practices, five weeks of leadership teams and small groups stimulated to take new initiatives, five weeks of conversation and commitment focused on the mission of the church. These are the practices that lead to excellence and fruitfulness, and they can change your church. Imagine!

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Focusing worship [Jeff Merry, Karen Merry, Julie Becker]

This resource is designed to empower worship leaders and worship teams as they seek to lead their people to God through **authentic worship**. As you work through each chapter you will develop a clearer understanding of worship. You will discover the role each person plays in making worship meaningful, practical ways to build an effective worship team, creative ideas to help you improve your worship experience and how we can bring joy to the heart of God through authentic worship. This kit contains four cassette tapes and a notebook. It is especially helpful for churches that do not have a worship leader as paid staff but rely on member volunteers to coordinate worship in the church. The kit contains four audio cassettes to walk the learner through the development of an effective worship team and experience.

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Frequently Asked Questions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

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Guidelines Worship | Cokesbury

The worship ministry of the local church is often the first, if not only, entry point for people seeking to establish a relationship with God in a Christian community. The ways in which we worship and honor God set a tone for the overall ministry of the church. This Guideline is designed to help implement and guide of the work of the ministry area.

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Habits: The Habits of Highly Effective Worshipers - The Lutheran Magazine

As summer comes to a close and we think again of returning to routine, I offer you a two-part “Worship whys” devoted to the seven habits of worshipers. But first, let’s address why these habits are helpful.

Habits are marks of participation. Oh, to be sure, they can be rote, meaningless, “going through the motions” kinds of things. But they also can be helpful, especially when it comes to a group activity such as worship. Have you ever tried to have a conversation with someone who won’t respond? Or tried to dance with someone who won’t move? What would happen if the outfielders just stood there and stared as the ball was hit deep into center field?

In all of these situations, a person’s participation is necessary for the event to be successful. The outfielder who won’t run and catch—who didn’t even *try*—has little right to complain. On the contrary, the more he or she participates and becomes better at the task the greater his or her satisfaction.

This is true of worship too. In one sense, we go through the motions—that’s human nature and it’s not a problem when it happens occasionally. But if we *really* participate, most of the time our mind, heart and body will be caught up in our great thanks-giving.

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Into our Ears: Luther pushed for oral experience of word of God in worship | The Lutheran

If you worship in a Lutheran church, you can expect someone to read Scripture during the service. Count on it. It’s going to happen. Somewhere during the first half hour or so a man, woman or child will stand up, walk over to a podium and read some ancient words.

Those words may be printed in a book that’s so heavy the altar guild hasn’t touched it in years. Or they may come from an unfolded piece of paper, freshly warmed from the reader’s pocket. Just don’t expect a scroll. Christians let go of those before you were born.

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Praise in our awe-deficient world: Worship is a weekly opportunity to practice not being God

Lutheran Christians turn to worship as the central melody for their lives because they want a place where God is taken seriously and where they can be taken seriously. For them, worship is their weekly opportunity to practice not being God.

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Sweet change: Congregation grows by drawing Sunday evening toe-tappers [The Lutheran

More than a year ago, an idea surfaced that would result in dramatic change for [Living God Lutheran Church](#), Honey Brook, Pa. Those resisting change left, but most stayed. And in the end, the church found harmony through a toe-tapping, hand-clapping Sunday evening worship of bluegrass gospel called Sweet Water Sabbath.

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The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition (Includes CD) by Faith Alive Christian Resources (Author), Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (Author)

This second edition of The Worship Sourcebook contains more than 2,500 prayers, litanies, and spoken texts for every element of the worship service throughout the seasons of the church year. Changes in this edition include a new section to "Prayers of the People"; updates to resources drawn from the NIV, the Reformed confessions, and other contemporary texts; a new appendix featuring "Worshipping the Triune God" adopted by the World Communion of Reformed Churches; and hundreds of new and replacement prayers and other readings for worship.

This valuable resource for worship planners and pastors includes texts that can be read aloud as well as outlines that can be adapted for your situation. Teaching notes offer guidance for planning each element of the service. Thought-provoking perspectives on the meaning and purpose of worship are great for discussion and reflection. The companion CD contains the entire text of the book for easy cutting and pasting into bulletins, PowerPoint slides, orders of worship, and more.

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20 top church worship distractions to avoid - OneNewsNow.com

When Americans flock to services across the nation on Sundays and for mid-week Bible studies, the fellowship wouldn't be complete without the element of worship. Because the worshipping of God is so vital to Christians' faith, eliminating the distractions that can inhibit one's praise has been found to be of great importance.

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Vibrant Faith in the Congregation Book - Milestones Ministry

Chapter 3 **Worship** and Preaching

This book is a basic guide for Christian leaders to help congregations develop strategies to nurture Christian faith in individuals, homes, congregations, and communities. Do you wonder what vibrant faith looks like in a congregation? The Milestones Ministry Frame is a great place to start! It is a framework of principles, practices, and characteristics necessary for Christian faith formation.

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When God Speaks Through Worship: Stories Congregations Live by Craig A. Satterlee (Author)

When God Speaks through Worship: Stories Congregations Live By is a collection of stories of congregational worship in which God's ongoing presence, speech, and activity are apparent. These stories of proclaiming the gospel, teaching the faith, praying, singing, baptizing, blessing, and sharing bread and wine in Jesus's name share the purpose of these activities in worship, yet still challenge the reader to explore the motives behind them. When we worship in church, are we worshipping God, or ourselves? Has worship become more people-centered than Christ-centered? We have our preferred styles, but is that getting in the way of the purpose of worship? In his follow-up to *When God Speaks through Change: Preaching in Times of Congregational Transition* and *When God Speaks through You: How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission*, Craig A. Satterlee uses eight stories to inspire other congregations to seek God through their worship. He discusses both the joys and challenges of worship, as well as the supportive parts of it, such as specific vocations, planning, and communication. However, your church chooses to express itself through worship, this book will make you think about how you're going about it, why, and what impact it is having on the people within your congregation and the community around it.

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With All Thy Mind: Worship That Honors the Way God Made Us (Vital Worship, Healthy Congregations) by Robert P. Glick (Author)

The worship terrain has changed, but a consensus has yet to emerge even about what worship is, let alone how we should worship. Increasingly, however, people are hungry not just to know about God, but to experience God with all they are—mind, heart, body, and soul. Worship must engage all of the senses. Recalling the biblical and early church's witness regarding worship and denominational worship traditions, Robert Glick examines the place of words, songs, sacraments, and symbols in worship—in light of what we now know about the complexities of the human brain. He also examines roadblocks to more balanced worship and identifies the characteristics of a "well-tempered worship service." Glick expresses how our understanding of the wonders of our God-given brains can lead us to worship that is fuller, richer, and more truthful, and thus more receptive to the Spirit.

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Worship MATTERS! - YouTube

Have you ever wondered why people worship God at all? Or how it came to be that we do it for one hour a weekend with communion and preaching? In July and August, First Lutheran in Cedar Rapids, IA will help you discover all the interesting behind-the-scenes stuff that makes up worship and it's source - scripture.

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Worship Words: Discipling Language for Faithful Ministry (Engaging Worship) [Debra Rienstra, Ron Rienstra, Clayton Schmit, Todd Johnson]

Words have great significance, but they are easily taken for granted. In *Worship Words*, the third volume in the Engaging Worship series, the authors make a careful examination of the role and use of language in the worship of the church. Their goal is to help pastors and worship leaders come to a renewed appreciation and understanding of words in worship and to inspire them to use words more intentionally to the greater glory of God and the greater blessing of God's people. Topics in this reflective yet highly practical book include dimensions of language, repetition, authenticity, metaphor, tradition, lament, and worship planning. It is broad ranging in its audience, addressing important questions that cut across worship styles and various church traditions.

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Create Worship Renewal, Not Worship War: Six tips on how to talk about worship

First, we must see ourselves as "together in union with Christ."

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Five Observations about the Current State of Worship Wars – ThomRainer.com

So, with a bit of trepidation, I want to share with you the state of worship wars in our churches.

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There are five problems I see church leaders struggle with when navigating the sensitive and emotional issue of worship style in church.

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Have Church Your Way: The High Cost of the Worship Wars - Patheos

No more rock concert with a self-help sermon at the end. Bring back the ancient pattern of liturgy, the corporate prayer, the sacred dialogue, the "and also with you."

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How Shall We Worship?: Biblical Guidelines for the Worship Wars (Vital Questions) by Marva J. Dawn (Author), Dan Taylor (Editor)

The Vital Questions series presents the thinking of knowledgeable, qualified authors on "vital questions" that Christians should be able to discuss intelligently. These concise books provide to-the-point answers and present the author's viewpoint, while allowing room for reader thought and disagreement.

How Shall We Worship? One source of debate today is the wide variety of worship styles. In *How Shall We Worship?* Marva Dawn turns to Psalm 96 to investigate key elements of worship, from music to liturgy. She reminds us about the importance of recognizing that worship is for God and not for us.

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A Royal Waste of Time: The Splendor of Worshiping God and Being Church for the World by Marva J. Dawn (Author)

Following up on her best-selling *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down*, Marva Dawn offers biblically grounded, experience-based insights to help churches navigate beyond today's destructive **worship wars** and to stimulate renewal in the worship and life of congregations.

The first major section of the book examines the postmodern, media-saturated, consumerist culture that makes worship difficult yet absolutely essential. The next section focuses on keeping God at the center of worship. Other sections of the book explore issues of taste, forming faith in children, word choices, hospitality in worship, and the challenges of "being church for the world." The book also includes nine Scripture-based sermons and questions for further discussion. In contrast to writers who advocate worship for utilitarian purposes, Dawn concentrates on worship's royal dimension, its God-ward focus. *A Royal "Waste" of Time* amplifies Dawn's earlier argument that churches need to wrangle seriously with the true purpose of worship in order to employ the tools and forms that best enfold participants in the splendor of worshiping God. Only worship filled with the splendor of God, Dawn writes, will lead to genuine adoration of God and faithful formation of his people.

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Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for this Urgent Time by Marva J. Dawn (Author)

Why do churches fight **"worship wars"**? Why do discussions about how to conduct worship often split into two vitriolic polarizes such as "traditional" verses "contemporary"? These "worship wars" prevent us from being the church. Working to bridge opposing sides in the various "worship wars," Marva Dawn here writes to help local parishes and denominations think more thoroughly about both worship and culture. She roots her discussion in a careful assessment of significant aspects of the present technological, boomer, postmodern society and names criteria by which to judge various cultural influences. She also sketches the essential attributes of true worship--worship that keeps God at the center, builds believers' character, and upbuilds the community. In the process, Dawn discusses music, preaching, Scripture readings,

rituals, liturgies, art, and all the accoutrements of worship, and offers practical suggestions for choosing the best tools and forms to deepen worship life, to nurture faith development, and the increase believers' outreach.

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Images for Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for this Urgent Time by Marva J. Dawn (Author)

What Song Shall We Sing?: Healing the Worship Wars With Fusion (Worship Matters) by John Ylvisaker (Author)

Many of the best-loved Christian hymns move easily across cultural boundaries. The way they are sung may change from one place to another, but they speak even to worshipers far removed from their origins. How does this happen, and how can we make better use of these treasures of the whole church? John Ylvisaker has given his life to encouraging lively congregational song, and here makes a valuable contribution to the conversation about it.

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Why Have All The People Gone?: The State of the Christian Church in America by Rev. Marvin R. Jonassen (Author)

As church involvement declines across America, Church-goers are asking where the people have gone? But the real question is not: Where, but, Why. Beginning with what is identified as the Privatization of Faith, Rev. Jonassen highlights 10 consequences of such a privatized faith, and what impact they are having on how the Church is defined by Church-goers and non-Church-goers alike. Things such as idolatry of the building and traditions, denominational arrogance, **worship wars**, failure to engage in lifelong learning, lukewarm outreach, checkbook vs. Good Book battles, poor social ministry emphasis, unrealistic demands, the desire for warm fuzzies, and the failure to embrace the true cost of discipleship. These concerns each represent a significant problem which is often denied and most certainly undermines the Church's ability to answer its true calling. In his book, Rev. Jonassen exposes these problems and invites us into a conversation which seeks to discover solutions.

Born out of a deep concern for what is happening in the Church, this book is the result of a project that I have been working on for a number of years, and it has had the support and encouragement of numerous people representing several denominational groups from Lutheran to Reformed Baptist, from Evangelical Covenant to Roman Catholic, from Presbyterian to Non-Denominational--both clergy and layperson alike, all across the United States (and even some in Canada). In the writing of it, I have sought the input and critique, questions and challenges of many, many people. It is a book that I hope will be able to encourage an all new dialogue around the question of: "Why Have All The People Gone?" Admittedly, it is in places, highly critical of some of the things that are happening--or, more appropriately, not happening. But, the focus is not intended to point fingers or assess blame. The focus--based on my study, research and experience serving the church in several parts of the country and in several different ways--is to reveal what I have come to believe is the core problem, what I refer to in the book as the "Privatization of Faith," (i.e., the inability and/or unwillingness of the people in the pews to share the faith). Following that, the book goes on to identify ten significant consequences that can, and often do, result from the *Privatization of Faith*, beginning with idolatry of the building, etc.

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Worship: A Commitment... Not a War by Charles Swindoll

Can there be a more oxymoronic expression than *worship wars*? And yet that phrase aptly describes what is taking place in too many churches. How tragic! The unique privilege to deepen our walk with Christ through worship is no longer a matter of commitment but an ugly war. Surely, this must grieve the heart of God! In an attempt to come to an understanding of worship, it is helpful to realize there is a difference between the *essence* of worship and the *expression* of worship.



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Worship Wars - What the Bible says about Worship Music by Robert Bakss (Author)

Many grapple today with what the 'proper' style of music for church should be and sadly it becomes a worship war. Like the movie *Star Wars*, the battles rage from episode to episode, with Bible verses being used as the proverbial light sabres to attack and defend each other. This book answers the questions amongst Christians and churches today in regard to 'worship music' and appropriate styles and genres. It is a biblical guide to worship music spanning early church history to the present day; providing clear, concise guidelines, Biblical principles and practical suggestions to support the implementation of a balanced blend of traditional and contemporary worship music in churches.

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