

Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 3 Worship

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Worship Planning

[This worship planning is not necessarily all the services of worship I have used in one calendar year but is offered as service of worship possibilities throughout the calendar year.]

January			
4	New Year		holiday baking
11	Baptism of Our Lord		
18	Prayer for Christian Unity		
25		Annual Meeting	potluck dinner
February			
1		Recognition of Ministries in the Congregation	Souper Bowl
8	Commemoration of St. Valentine - Celebrating Love and Marriage		wedding cake
15	Transfiguration Day Jazz Service		pancake breakfast
22	First Sunday in Lent		pretzels
	Bold Women's Day Women of the ELCA		
March			
1	Holy Humor		
8	Luther Park Bible Camp		
15	Commemoration of Patrick, Missionary to Ireland		blarney bars
22	Lutheran Social Services		
29	Palm Sunday		
April			
	2-Maundy Thursday	Welcome to First Communion	
	3-Good Friday Ecumenical Worship		
5	Resurrection of Our Lord		Easter Breakfast
12	Hands of the Risen Christ		
19	Thanksgiving for Workers in the Church		
26	Stewardship of Creation		
May			
3	Youth Service		
10	Blessing of Mothers		Mother's Day cake
17	Norwegian Rite of 1889		Norwegian baking
24	Day of Pentecost	Memorial Day	
31	Holy Trinity	Blessing of Graduates	
June			
7	Litany for Towns and Neighborhoods		
14	Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Emphasis		
21	Blessing of Fathers		Father's Day cake
28	Gospel Music Service		pie and ice cream social
July			
5	Independence Day		
12	Companion Synod Sunday		African food
19		Blessing of Youth Gathering Participants	
26	Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach		
August			
2		Presentation by Youth Gathering Participants	
9	Mary, Mother of Our Lord		
16	Service at County Fair		
23	Christian Bluegrass		
30	Bless the Years: Honoring Older Adults		
September			
7	Labor Day		
14	Holy Cross	Blessing of Backpacks	Hot Cross Buns
		Welcome to Sunday School and to Confirmation	
21		Blessing of Teachers and Students	
28	Service of Affirmation of Baptism—Rite of Confirmation		

October				
4	Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi	Blessing of the Animals		animal treats
11	October Worship Fest-Polka Service	Blessing of Quilts		brats and root beer
18	St. Luke, Evangelist - Service of Healing and Thanksgiving for Healing			
25	Reformation Day			
November				
1	All Saints Day Jazz Service			
8	Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Prayer for Veterans			
15	Service of Thanksgiving	Prayer for Hunters		
22	Christ the King			
29	Advent Service of Readings and Carols			
December				
6	Assistant to the Bishop	Review of Ministry Site Profile at Adult Forum		
13		Reception of New Members		
20	Sunday School Christmas Program			sacks of candy
21	Longest Night: A Service of Longing and Hope			
24	Christmas Eve			
25	Christmas Day			
26	Post High School Student Recognition			Christmas baking

Remember Your Baptism

From the Pastor

"We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world."

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Baptism page 231

God has called you in baptism to be God's very own. In baptism, you have been given a name and sealed with the sign of the cross. The gift of the Spirit is promised to you through this act of water and word. This great and wonderful gift assures you of Christ's continued presence. As you live in your baptism, you grow in faith.

At the start of Wednesdays with the Word, Confirmation, and youth activities this fall, this letter comes as a reminder to parents of the responsibilities assumed in Holy Baptism:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice in peace.

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We are glad for the Wednesdays with the Word teachers and staff who will be working with our children to help them grow in faith. As pastor, I will be working with the Confirmation students on the basics of the Christian faith. Please come as families to worship. As a gathered people of God, young and old alike, we remember our baptism!

Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Rally Day on September 13 begins fall educational ministry

Calling all students and leaders to begin another year of educational ministry. Pray that all might grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord.

Resources

[PDF]A Rally Day Friendship Welcome

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

Images for Rally Day Friendship Welcome

Iowa church rallies on | The Lutheran

Rally day at Badger [Iowa] Lutheran Church means meeting teachers, handing out Bibles and firing up grills for a picnic after worship. And to draw attention, rally day also means themes. Not a new idea — but at Badger, they do it big.

Here are some of Badger's themes:

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=2080

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[Images for characteristics of the best sunday school teacher](#)

Gathering Song	This Little Light of Mine
Song of Praise	Lord, Be Glorified
Song of the Day	Jesus Loves Me
Sending Song	We are Marching in the Light of God

Blessing of the Backpacks on September 14

As our students start another year in school, we ask a blessing on their backpacks and especially on the children who will carry them. A special invitation is extended to our students and their families for this Blessing of the Backpacks.

Resources

Backpack Blessings Kit Product/Goods : Creative Communications

Here is a Blessing of the Backpacks you can do in church at the start of the school year to remind students that God blesses them each day of their lives as they reach out in faith as a blessing to others. This kit includes instructions on coordinating and presenting this 10-minute event, script to use to bless the backpacks, children's sermon and tear-off notes for parents to put in their children's backpacks and 10 luggage tags for the children to attach to their backpacks that celebrate the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5.

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/BPB18/kit-backpack-blessings-kit.aspx>

[Images for Backpack Blessings Kit Product/Goods : Creative Communications](#)

Backpack Blessings - Synod Resource Center

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[Images for Backpack Blessings - Synod Resource Center](#)

Bless those backpacks - The Lutheran Magazine

Consider a back-to-school blessing for an August worship service

We can all use a little extra blessing, said Stacy M. Hill, pastor of **Christ the King Lutheran Church**, Bentonville, Ark.

The congregation is one of a growing number that blesses children's backpacks during worship at the beginning of the school year. But she said the annual rite is for adults too, not just kids.

"The first time we asked adults to bring their briefcases and laptops a few of them looked at me a little strange, but they appreciated it as well," Hill said.

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Blessing of Backpacks

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[Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Resources Blessing of Backpacks](#)

Holy Cross Day on September 14

Holy Cross Day reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation.

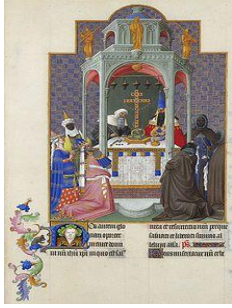
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Gathering Song	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Hymn of Praise	In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Hymn of the Day	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Communion	Rock of Ages Cleft for Me
	Were You There
Sending Song	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Resources

Feast of the Cross - Wikipedia

This feast is called in [Greek](#) Ὑψωσις τοῦ Τιμίου καὶ Ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ^[1] ("Raising Aloft of the Honored and Life-Giving Cross"), in Russian Воздвижение Креста Господня' and in [Latin](#) *Exaltatio Sanctae Crucis*. In [English](#), it is called The Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the official translation of the [Roman Missal](#), while the 1973 translation called it The Triumph of the Cross. In some parts of the [Anglican Communion](#) the feast is called Holy Cross Day, a name also used by [Lutherans](#). The celebration is also sometimes called Feast of the Glorious Cross.^[2]



Exaltation of the Cross from the *Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry* (Musée Condé, Chantilly)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hascF9y65-U> Making the Sign of the Holy Cross - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq5UlzE027o> Exaltation of the Holy Cross - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV8Ys_fC4i0 Exaltation Of The Holy Cross HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvoIOFsYIo> "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross" - YouTube

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Holy Cross September 14 - Textweek

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25+ best Holy cross ideas on Pinterest

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Images for cross of christ

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Images for thief on the cross

Remembering our Members in Prayer

We Walk Together

You will be prayed for you in worship this Sunday together with other members as a part of remembering our members in prayer during the months of September to December. You are invited to be present with the gathered assembly that day. If there are any special concerns that you think it would be helpful for your pastor to be aware of, please contact Pastor Bolstad. God bless you.

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Images for intercede for loved ones

Blessing for Teachers and Students on Sunday, September 21, as we thank God for those who have offered to assist parents to live out the promise made in baptism to *teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures*. Pray for the teachers and students in the educational ministry of this congregation.

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A Whole Lot of Blessings Going on Here

It occurred to me at one congregation as autumn approached that there was going to be a whole lot of blessings going on...

Blessing of Backpacks September 14

Blessing for Teachers and Students September 21

Bless the Years September 28

Blessing of Animals October 5

Blessing of Quilts October 12

Blessing of Veterans November 9

Blessing of Hunters November 16

In addition, the Faith Inkubators curriculum for confirmation employs a blessing in Faith5: Share–Read–Talk–Pray–**Bless**, which I used.

Faith Inkubators + Inkubators / The FAITH 5

<http://www.faithink.com/inkubators/f5.asp>

<http://www.faith5.org/>

Images for Faith Inkubators + Inkubators / The FAITH 5

In addition to all these blessings, technologically savvy Adam J. Copeland asks pastors to bless iPhones.

Pastor, Bless My iPhone | Rev. Adam J. Copeland

Let's bless the bikes, the pets and the pubs. But pastor, please don't forget my iPhone. Will you bless its use? Will you commission me to employ it for God's service? Will you explicitly, ritually and publicly, call me to turn from idolatry and towards faithful discipleship, phone ready to serve?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-adam-j-copeland/pastor-bless-my-iphone_b_7876138.html

Images for Pastor, Bless My iPhone | Rev. Adam J. Copeland

Some congregations in rural areas offer a blessing of tractors.

Blessing of the tractors | The Lutheran

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Yorkville, Ill., celebrated its rural heritage with "Tractor Sunday" Aug. 16. The congregation commemorated the day with a special worship service, tractor rides, and tractors on display for children and adults to enjoy.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12781

Images for Blessing of the tractors | The Lutheran

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

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Tractor blessing April 23 in Westby - La Crosse Tribune

A "tractor blessing" is a time in which people are reminded of God's presence in their lives and connects them to the importance of that relationship in this time of planting. Our Savior's Pastor John Dumke invites the owner and others to share in unique blessing prayer for each tractor.

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You bless what? - The Lutheran Magazine

From Atlantic to Pacific ... blessings abound

It's not unusual for congregations to bless pets in October and children's backpacks (sometimes even the briefcases of professionals) at the beginning of a school year. But in the summer, a congregation in the West and another in the East gather to bless something entirely different.

In Ocean Beach (San Diego), Calif., St. Peter's by-the-Sea Lutheran Church blesses surfboards and those who ride them. In Barnegat Light, N.J., Zion Lutheran Church participates in an annual Blessing of the Fleet: commercial and recreational boats.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=11476

Images for You bless what? - The Lutheran Magazine

Young People to Affirm their Baptism in Rite of Confirmation on September 28

The Rite of Confirmation as a part of the Service of Affirmation of Baptism is one of the important milestones in the faith journey. Be sure to come to witness our young people affirm their baptism. Show them your prayerful support as they make a public profession of their faith and state their intention to: "to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth." A special invitation is extended to sponsors, relatives, and friends!

Gathering Song	Baptized in Water
Canticle of Praise	We Are Called
Hymn of the Day	O Jesus, I Have Promised
Offering	You Are Mine
Sending Song	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Resources

Faith Practices in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: Living Our Baptismal Covenant

The Faith Practices Team of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) encourages this church to nurture a culture of mission and discipleship by embracing faith practices that stem from our baptism. The team urges ELCA members and congregations to recognize that in response to God's action in baptism, our life is one of growth in the practices of discipleship:

"Baptism inaugurates a life of discipleship in the death and resurrection of Christ. Baptism conforms us to the death and resurrection of Christ precisely so that we repent and receive forgiveness, love our neighbors, suffer for the sake of the Gospel, and witness to Christ." ("The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament," principle 14, page 20).

Living Our Baptismal Covenant - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Images for Living Our Baptismal Covenant

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<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Ministry-Practices>

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Images for Baptismal Covenant and Faith Practices

74 best confirmation Lutheran images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/crumt8578/confirmation-lutheran/>

Images for confirmation lutheran

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/136445063689261831/> What Happens at the Rite of Confirmation

<https://www.pinterest.com/miyokosuratos/sacrament-of-confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/stampinwithbeth/confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/susiegstamper/confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/paulaerck/confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/jankey44/confirmation/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/ecbushey/luke-confirmation/>

Images for Confirmation on Pinterest

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

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

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Images for CONFIRMATION BIBLE VERSES



Author back row, far left, pictured with a confirmation class.

Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of animals between services on October 4

"All creatures both large and small, God loves them all." This is the spirit in which a blessing of the animals will be offered on the lawn across from the main entrance of the church after the early service of worship. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will be offered under the overhang at the main entrance. The services of worship that day will commemorate Francis of Assisi who is best known for his prayer "Make me an instrument of your peace..." and for his hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King." He is also known as a lover of nature and so the practice of blessing of animals. Come to worship and bring your animals to be blessed!

Gathering Song	This is My Father's World
Hymn of Praise	Praise and Thanksgiving
Hymn of the Day	All Creatures of Our God and King
Sending Song	All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayer of the Day A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Prayer of Saint Francis - Wikipedia

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

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

Images for Prayer of Saint Francis

Texts Genesis 1:1, 20-28; Psalm 8; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 6:20-22

Resources for St. Francis of Assisi

50 best St Francis of Assisi images on Pinterest

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<https://www.pinterest.com/dollydd43/saint-francis-of-assisi/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/conniecushing/st-francis/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pseno/st-francis-of-assisi-sculptures/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/comunicacionrau/saint-francis-of-assisi/>

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Francis of Assisi - Wikipedia

Saint Francis of Assisi (Italian: *San Francesco d'Assisi*), born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco (1181/1182 – 3 October 1226),^[2] was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.^[3]

Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on 16 July 1228. Along with Saint Catherine of Siena, he was designated Patron saint of Italy. He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment, and it became customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October. He is often remembered as the patron saint of animals. In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan to put an end to the conflict of the Crusades.^[6] By this point, the Franciscan Order had grown to such an extent that its primitive organizational structure was no longer sufficient. He returned to Italy to organize the Order. Once his community was authorized by the Pope, he withdrew

increasingly from external affairs. Francis is also known for his love of the [Eucharist](#).^[7] In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene.^{[8][9][2]} According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received the [stigmata](#) during the apparition of Seraphic angels in a religious ecstasy^[10] making him the first recorded person in Christian history to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion.^[11] He died during the evening hours of 3 October 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142 (141).

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

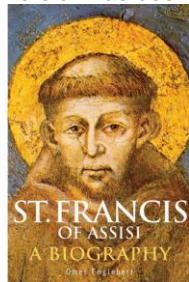
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Images for francis of assisi

St. Francis of Assisi: A Biography: Omer Englebert

Reviewers have judged *St. Francis of Assisi: A Biography* to be that rarity among books about saints: a popular work of inspiring spiritual reading that is also an acclaimed work of modern scholarship. With spiritual insight and careful historical judgment, Omer Englebert blends the many facets of St. Francis' personality into a portrait of a saint who can inspire men and women today. A Servant Book.

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the best-known and best-loved of all the saints. This classic work puts the him in the context of his historical setting and his spiritual influences. Inspired by a deep and simple love, Francis abandoned his fortune and chose to live simply. His love for Jesus Christ, his love for animals, and his love for nature continue to inspire many to this day. This version has been redesigned for a modern audience who wish to continue to connect to this simple man of Assisi.



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https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/157788.Omer_Englebert

Images for St. Francis of Assisi: A Biography: Omer Englebert

St. Francis Of Assisi HD - YouTube

Saint Francis of Assisi (Italian: San Francesco d'Assisi); born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, but nicknamed Francesco; 1181/1182 – October 3, 1226) was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women not able to live the lives of itinerant preachers, followed by the early members of the Order of Friars Minor, or the monastic lives of the Poor Clares. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYynL7fH0P8>

Images for St Francis of Assisi - YouTube

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Category.aspx?CategoryID=3286> St. Francis of Assisi Educational Videos | WatchKnowLearn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rG5jVcYA1aM> St Francis of Assisi Full Movie - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDxhfNJWuyg> Saint Francis of Assisi: A Biography: 05 - The Conversion - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2oPzM_3uDE St Francis of Assisi: Go and Rebuild my Church HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2ze6nw1s4E> St.Francis of Assisi biography - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5oHldnrzQU> St. Francis Of Assisi (1926) - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cnhiaq8vvC4> The Story of St Francis of Assisi - YouTube

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4AXiaAIN_I Discovering our Saints: St Francis of Assisi - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Cyzow3IOoQ> Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Italy - YouTube

Resources for Blessing of Animals

Bless all the animals: Caring for pets, we live out God's call - The Lutheran Magazine

"May God bless and keep you this day and always," the pastor said to the puppy squirming in the teenager's arms. And then to the family cat cowering in her carrier, the stuffed animal in the arms of a 2-year-old and all the other waiting critters during one of the blessing-of-the-animals services that are an increasingly popular time of celebration (and orchestrated chaos) in many congregations.

Most often they're held in early October near the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the 12th-century patron saint of animals. Some people find the services cute, mostly for the kids. For others, the blessings acknowledge as sacred the deep bond they feel with their animal companions.

Numbers tell that millions of Americans share their homes with animals. The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association reports 63 percent of U.S. households have at least one animal and that owners spend billions annually on food,

vet care, toys, habitats and other paraphernalia.

More and more of those pet owners bring their animals to blessing services every year—animals that bring daily blessings to their lives. God also asks us to be a blessing in theirs.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=6099

Images for Bless all the animals: Caring for pets, we live out God's call - The Lutheran Magazine

Many ELCA congregations celebrate the wonders of God's creation and the legacy of St. Francis by holding pet-blessing services and activities for the community around this time of the year. It is a time to remember how God's creatures – of all sizes, shapes and species – bless our lives and are essential to the environment that sustains all living things, including humankind. We commit ourselves to caring for their wellbeing in the world whether they be service animals, pets, domesticated animals, wild animals, pets in shelters, bugs or creatures that fly, crawl, run or swim.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2014/09/blessing-gods-creatures/>

Images for living lutheran/blessing-gods-creatures

Almost nowhere in the common prayers and liturgies of the Christian church used for the past two millennia do we find prayers for nonhuman creatures. We discovered this when reading *Animal Rites: Liturgies of Animal Care* (Pilgrim Press, 2001) by Andrew Linzey. An Anglican priest, Linzey holds the world's first post in theology and animal welfare at Oxford [England] University.

October, which includes the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, is a good month to rectify this omission. Francis saw all of creation as a reflection of God's love and thus deserving of reverence. He called the animals his brothers and sisters, and he was known to have once given his warm lodgings to a donkey. Many paintings of Francis show him with birds sitting on his outstretched arms or a cat sleeping in his lap.

Appropriately, one of the few times when congregations do pray for animals is during "Blessings of the Animals" services held around Oct. 4, Francis' Feast Day. But we think this isn't enough.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=5489

Images for Praying for animals: We should offer gratitude for their various blessings - The Lutheran Magazine

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

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Blessing of Animals – Franciscan Media

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Images for blessing of animals

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-service-for-the-blessing-of-animals>

<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/worship-services/blessing-of-the-animals>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/topics/blessing-animals>

<https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/animal-blessing>

<https://www.peta.org/features/saint-francis-assisi-day/>

<https://catholicrallife.org/resources/spiritual/calendar-of-blessings/10-october-blessing-of-animals/>

<http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/prayer/7-prayers-and-blessings-for-animals.aspx>

<https://catholicrallife.org/resources/spiritual/calendar-of-blessings/10-october-blessing-of-animals/>

<https://www.sanctamissa.org/en/resources/books-1962/rituale-romanum/50-blessings-of-animals.html>

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/st_francis_day_resources.pdf

Blessing of animals - Wikipedia

Blessing of animals can be either of the animal or of the human-animal relationship, and can apply to pets and other companion animals, or to agricultural animals and working and other animals which humans depend on or interact with.

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

Images for blessing of animals

Blessing Of The Animals Product/Goods : Creative Communications

Celebrate the joy of God's creatures with this litany for the Blessing of the Animals. Traditionally celebrated in October, this joyous event offers an opportunity for parishes to invite members, neighbors and friends to bring their pets for a special blessing. The litany includes Psalm 104, Genesis 1:23-28 and the Hymn of St. Francis.

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/LT3/blessing-of-the-animals.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/ZDF/blessing-of-the-animals.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/HSB/blessing-of-the-animals.aspx>

Images for Blessing Of The Animals Product/Goods : Creative Communications

Blessing of the animals - YouTube

St. Paul's Parish held the third annual blessing of the animals on Saturday, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, who was an animal lover. Parishioners and community members gathered at the church with their pets as priests blessed them with holy water.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCaGhQx3ITk>

Images for blessing of the animals - youtube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeMb66v_I6s October 2, 2016: Blessing of the Animals – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTZ3CYekWC4> Blessing of the Animals - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cqul2xd26do Blessing of the Animals - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RTKf-6L8po> October 1, 2017: Blessing of the Animals at Washington National Cathedral

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbBgQ2NCBhs> Annual Blessing of the Animals Held At Cathedral of Saint John the Divine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UksiYXL-dac> Blessing of the Animals 2017 - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXPomXUAKV8> Blessing of the Animals 2017 - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfwQFZzCdHc> Blessing of the Animals at St. John the Divine 2012 - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdd7sCFCKkA> The Blessing of Animals-St. John the Divine - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG2NExd-4XY> Blessing of the Animals at Cathedral of St. John the Divine - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-E4efdMZnVM> Blessing animals at St. John Divine - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rcrfv11Um4E> Blessing of the Animals - St. John the Divine Cathedral, NYC (2 of 2) - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMe-YdXojJruQNde2wRLDVQgSkOSy68R6> Popular Videos - Cathedral of Saint John the Divine & Performance - YouTube

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<https://www.pinterest.com/elpueblola/blessing-of-the-animals/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/5onearth/god-bless-the-animals/>
<https://www.pinterest.com.au/simplymexoxo727/animals-are-blessings/>

St Francis Day - Textweek

St. Francis Day/Blessing of the Animals October 4

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/francis.htm>
 Images for St Francis Day - Textweek

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Blessing of Animals

Year A - Page 256

Year B – Page 255

Year C - Page 273

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>
<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons>
<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>
 Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Blessing of Animals



The author blesses a dog as part of a blessing of pets.

World Communion Sunday

Resources

30 best World Communion Sunday images on Pinterest

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<https://www.pinterest.com/centenaryumc/world-communion-sunday/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/revcarson/world-communion-sunday/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/kraymax/world-communion/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/jennystyers/ideas-for-world-communion-sunday/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/kidzarumc/world-communion-sunday/>

World Communion Sunday - Wikipedia

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several [Christian denominations](#), taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and [ecumenical](#) cooperation.^[1]

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

Images for World Communion Sunday

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/world-communion-sunday>

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>

<http://www.umcgiving.org/resource-articles/world-communion-sunday-pastors-leaders-kit>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/special-days-and-emphases/world-communion-sunday/>

Celebrate Global Church Sunday!

[PDF]Global Church Sunday - ELCA Resource Repository

The worship resources in this packet were gathered together to help congregations and worshipping communities of this church celebrate our connections and common mission in Christ's global church.

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

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Global_Church_Sunday_2014_Toolkit.pdf

Images for Global Church Sunday - ELCA Resource Repository

Discovering and Sharing of Gifts

Gathering Song	You Servants of God
Hymn of Praise	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Hymn of the Day	Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Offering Song	God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Sending Song	O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Litany [spoken] We All Are One in Mission

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pew Edition - Augsburg Fortress

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>

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Blessing of Quilts on October 11

A blessing of quilts will be offered. Come and see the handiwork of our quilters and add your blessing. In addition, The Quilt Song will be sung.

Resources

a blessing service for quilts sewing health kits - Synod Resource Center

http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/dedications/0001/blessing_service_quilts.html

Images for a blessing service for quilts sewing health kits - Synod Resource Center

Dedication of LWR Quilts & Kits | Lutheran World Relief

<https://lwr.org/downloads/dedication-lwr-quilts-kits>

Images for Dedication of LWR Quilts & Kits | Lutheran World Relief

Doing God's work - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

10,000 Quilts Made in 2013! Really, 10,000?

Women of New Hope Lutheran Church, Sand Creek, and board members of the Synod Women's Organization

Come for a hands-on workshop to learn how the Synod Women's Organization made 10,170 quilts for the 2013

Lutheran World Relief Challenge. Work with the women of New Hope Lutheran Church, Sand Creek, who made more than

1,000 of those quilts! Hear how your congregation can get involved in quilting for LWR and how you can make kits—health,

school, layette, etc.—for Global Health Ministries and LWR. Learn how you, along with the women of our synod, can be

“engaged in ministry and action” through stewardship projects that “promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world.”

<http://www.nwswi.org/webfiles/fnitools/documents/5h-0614-web.pdf>

Images for quilting for LWR

Sundays and Seasons, Year C, 2013 | Augsburg Fortress

Blessing and Sending for Mission - Clothing, quilts

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

Images for Sundays and Seasons Blessing and Sending for Mission - Clothing, quilts

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The Quilt Song

1 We are quilting at *(name)* Lutheran Church in *(name)*.
You're invited to come, take a part.

Bring some pins and a needle and scissors,

Spool of thread, and a glad, willing heart.

Chorus Oh, quilts, quilts, quilts, quilts.

Made from old lunch cloths and bedspreads,

- Coats and blankets and jackets and linens;
Ripped, cut, and sewed together.
It's a thrill just to see them take shape.
- 2 Go search in the drawers and the closets,
In attics and basements and trunks,
We can use every discarded garment –
Bring them in, they may not be "just junk."
- Chorus* Oh, stitch, stitch, sew, sew,
Tie them with yarns of bright colors,
Yes, 60 X 80's the size,
There's a feeling of deep satisfaction –
This must be precious work in God's eyes.
- 3 They're used as a cover while sleeping,
Or a tent in the heat of the day,
Or for carrying precious possessions,
On their backs, as they walk by the way.
- Chorus* Oh, quilts, quilts, quilts, quilts,
Some go to Southeastern Asia,
Mid-East and Africa, too –
Madagascar, Ceylon, South America,
Inner city – the needs are not few.
- 4 There are goodies for lunches and coffee,
Cookies and cakes and rolls;
Also, plenty of good conversation,
To enjoy as the hours fly by.
- Chorus* Oh, rip, rip, cut, cut,
Cottons and knit polyesters,
Wools, flannels, and rayons, and blends;
Silks and satins and tweeds, also terry cloth,
All are used – cuz the need never ends.
- Text: Lorraine Steffen, 1918-2004. Music: The Little Brown Church in the Vale.
Used with permission.

The Women of the ELCA at one congregation requested a blessing for hospice kits for Global Health Ministries. I put together the following blessing:

The hospice kits we bless today are a result of those generous contributions of our members to this mission project for Global Health Ministries. Health care workers and their families will use these kits to provide cleanliness and comfort to patients who are in the end stages of their diseases. This effort comes in response to our Lord's exhortation to help those in need – to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, comfort the weary and the outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to others.

Let us pray: Gracious Lord, you promise to be with your people even unto the end of the age. Bless these hospice kits that those who receive them may experience the comfort of these supplies as well as the comfort of your love. Bless those who contributed to this effort. Bless the work of Global Health Ministries that together we may minister to your world in need. In your gracious name, we pray. Amen.

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

Resources

Alternative Christmas Campaign

Is it any of the church's business?

Although individuals and families can and must make their own decisions about changing the ways they celebrate, the church has a critical role in encouraging them. Indeed, if it is not the church's business to call for more responsible celebrations of Christmas, whose business is it?

What can the local church do?

1. *Challenge* commercialized celebrations and call for ways to observe Christmas which focus on the needs of others:
Set aside a Sunday in October or early November to call the congregation to a new seriousness in the celebration of Christmas.
Ask members to covenant to set aside 25 percent of what they spent on last year's Christmas and give it as a Christmas gift to denominational programs which minister to those in need.
Consider initiating a community-wide alternative Christmas festival in which these concerns can extend beyond the local church into the community at large.
2. *Encourage* members who want to change by providing supportive programs and resources. Consider a mailing to members (or a special issue of the church newsletter), including the reasons for, and ideas about, an alternative Christmas.
Offer study opportunities for all age groups on "Preparing to Celebrate the Birth of Christ."
Provide guidelines for alternative giving, for example, buying from church-supported craft groups, giving of one's time and skills, or making contributions in a recipient's name.
3. *Shape* the worship life of the congregation to reflect the concerns about Christmas:

Give particular attention to the worship service on a chosen Sunday in October or November.
Use the "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?" (in this Christmas section) as a bulletin insert that reflects those concerns.
Plan the Christmas worship service (on Christmas or Christmas Eve) to include a time when individuals and families can offer birthday gifts to the Christ child.

Whose Birthday Is It Anyway? | Simple Living Works!

<https://simplelivingworks.wordpress.com/tag/whose-birthday-is-it-anyway/>

Images for Whose Birthday Is It Anyway? | Simple Living Works!

<http://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=archives/TreasCeleb/TOCxmas.php#AlternativeChristmasCampaign>

<https://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=archives/XB/XBindex.php>

<http://simpleliving.startlogic.com/indexoth.php?place=xb/PromoKit.php>

<https://simplelivingworks.wordpress.com/2015/08/23/simple-living-works-weekly-submit-to-whose-birthday-fall-resources/>

October Worship Fest with polka service on the October 11

Youth to serve brats and root beer for refreshments

A-one, a-two, a-one-two-three. Get your toes tapping in anticipation of October Worship Fest with polka services featuring our praise team. No, polka services aren't just for Roman Catholics. Lutherans can have them, too, and what better time than during the month of October? Eats and drinks will be brats and root beer served between services and after the late service by the youth as a fundraiser for their activities. Who says Lutherans can't have fun?

Gathering

Gathering Music

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Johnny Cash & Family - Will the Circle Be Unbroken - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLFbUbmH7To>

Images for sheet music will the circle be unbroken

Welcome

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Song

Come Now and Worship

Come now and worship, Come, now and worship the Lord.

Come now and worship, join as we sing and adore.

Gather together; give God the praise that is due.

Hear us as we come to worship, singing praises to you.

We bring our gifts, gifts of ourselves and our lives,

With bread and wine we offer, you our whole lives.

This celebration draws us all closer to you,

Hear us as we come to worship, singing praises to you.

Jesus our Savior died on a cross just for us.

Rose from the dead, Christ gives salvation to us.

Gather together, drawing us closer to you,

Hear us as we come to worship, singing praises to you

Music: *Beer Barrel Polka*

Frankie Yankovic & The Yanks - Beer Barrel Polka - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbotaEmgFm4>

Images for sheet music beer barrel polka

Greeting

Song of Mercy

One Day at a Time

(Ensemble sings verses. Assembly sings chorus.)

Chorus

One day at a time sweet Jesus

That's all that I'm asking from You.

Lord give me the strength to do every day what I have to do.

Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine.

Lord, help me today show me the day one day at a time.

One Day at a Time: Cristy Lane - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzU5jdbKOUk>

Images for sheet music one day at a time

Song of Praise

Praise the Lord, I Saw the Light

(Ensemble sings verses. Assembly sings chorus.)

Chorus

I saw the light, I saw the light

No more darkness, no more night

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight

Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Hank Williams - I saw The Light - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYKx2XvnuKq>

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Sermon

Song of the Day Medley

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that save a wretch like me.
Once I was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Chorus He lives. He lives. He lives. Christ Jesus lives today!
He lives. He lives. Christ Jesus lives today!

My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
Of thee I say my trusting heart, til faith in vision end. *Chorus*
Jesus loves me this I know, the Bible tells me so. *Chorus*
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong. *Chorus*
Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her king. *Chorus*
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. *Chorus*
All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall. *Chorus*
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. *Chorus*
In Christ, there is no east or west, in him no north or south. *Chorus*
Just one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth. *Chorus*
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Chorus*

Music: *Happy Wanderer*

[The Stargazers - The Happy Wanderer \(1954\) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPfGL0tDP30)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPfGL0tDP30>

Images for sheet music happy wanderer

Apostles' Creed

Prayers

Peace

Meal

Offering

Offering Song Let Us Sing

Let Us Sing, Let us sing, let us sing to Christ our King,
Sing to Christ our King as we ask for his help this day.
God is good, God is kind, God will give us peace of mind,
Give us peace of mind, if we follow in his way.

There are no strings attached to the love he gives,
He asks only for your love.
God is good, God is kind, God will give us peace of mind,
Give us peace of mind, if we follow in his way.

Music: *Wooden Heart*

[Elvis Presley - Wooden Heart - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05ZgyoZvhgI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05ZgyoZvhgI>

Images for sheet music wooden heart

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Special Music It Is No Secret

[Jim Reeves - It is No Secret \(What God Can Do\) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3jKLyEkzkY)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3jKLyEkzkY>

Images for sheet music it is no secret

Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Songs

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
God Bless America

Dismissal

Sending Music

Blessing

(Sing twice. Second time to each other.)

Music: *Edelweiss*

[Edelweiss Blessing 030815 - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzjKay6iscM>

[Images for sheet music edelweiss](#)

[May the Lord, Mighty God - Hymnary.org](#)

http://www.hymnary.org/text/may_the_lord_mighty_god

[Images for sheet music May the Lord, Mighty God](#)

Message on 18PentecostB

Introduction

In looking over the texts at the beginning of the week, I tried to decide between James and Mark:

The Prayer of Faith

Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

[oremus Bible Browser: James 5:13b](#)

<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=215255592>

[Images for Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.](#)

Temptations to Sin

⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

[oremus Bible Browser: Mark 9:43-48](#)

<http://bible.oremus.org/?version=nrsv&passage=Mark%209:43-48>

[Images for If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off](#)

There is something to be said for a preacher to tackle the tough texts, but on October Worship Fest with a polka service followed by brats and root beer for refreshments, I opted for James. After all, polka music is considered “happy music.”

Body

James is a practical theologian who gives exhortations for various aspects of the Christian life. Here he exhorts the use of psalms from the Jewish Scriptures.

[James 5:13 | Bible Exposition Commentary](#)

Is any merry?

in good heart and spirit, in a good frame of mind, as well as in prosperous circumstances, in soul, body and estate:

let him sing psalms;

let him not only be inwardly joyful, as he should be in prosperity, and be thankful to God for his many mercies, temporal and spiritual, he enjoys; but let him express it vocally, and melodiously, by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs:

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/james-5-13.html>

[Images for singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs](#)

Music plays an important part in the corporate worship life of the assembly as well as the life of the household.

[Oremus Hymnal: When in our music God is glorified](#)

<http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/w/w301.html>

[Images for Oremus Hymnal: When in our music God is glorified](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wda0y6Aqi38> When In Our Music God Is Glorified - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-OiHpNK6XA> Hymn: When in Our Music God Is Glorified (ENGELBERG) - YouTube

Martin Luther considered music second to theology in giving glory to God.

[\[RTF\] Giving God the Glory through Music](#)

In 1538, he wrote in a *Treatise on Music*,

I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy and costly treasure given mankind by God ...In summa, next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world ...A person who gives this some thought and yet does not regard it as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed, and does not deserve to be called a human being.ⁱ

www.wisessays.net/files/KuschelMusic.rtf

[Images for Giving God the Glory through Music – Martin Luther](#)

When I visited October Fest in LaCrosse, WI while serving an interim assignment in the area, I listened to the German music by the musicians in their fedora hats with a plume feather as well as the leather shorts. I exclaimed, "That sounds just like 'A Mighty Fortress.'" John Ylvisaker said that German music sounds like a march (A Mighty Fortress), whereas Scandinavian music sounds more lilting (Children of the Heavenly Father). John Ylvisaker also used familiar tunes for his songs.

My grandfather and grandmother on my father's side gathered the family together after supper on their ranch in Northeastern Montana for singing. The former played the fiddle, and the latter an organ. Unfortunately, there is not that much singing in most households anymore as so much recorded music is available and accessible.

My youngest brother inherited the "ear" in our family as he correctly identified all the notes both black and white that the music teacher played on the piano in 5th grade, while my mother called me a monotone. He stood next to me at a service of worship one time and, after hearing me sing, he offered two words of advice, "Think sharp." But whether a person has perfect pitch or is a monotone, the gathered assembly is one of the few places left to come together to sing.

This polka service makes use of a different kind of music than ordinarily used. "How many of you recognized the tune for our gathering song?" One man came out a polka service one time and told me, "Pastor, it'd be OK with me if we had this kind of music every Sunday." Well, of course, that is not possible, but it is nice every once in a while. After all, who says Lutherans can't have fun?

[I gave the background and then sang "The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood."]

[The Carter Family The Church In The WildWood - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8Ojam9JA7I>

[Images for Carter Family The Church In The WildWood](#)

[The Church in the Wildwood - Wikipedia](#)

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

[Images for Church in the Wildwood](#)

[I gave the background of a song to be sung later by the ensemble "It is No Secret, What God Can Do."]

[Jim Reeves It Is No Secret, What God Can Do - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGsn8ql0mlg>

[Images for Jim Reeves It Is No Secret, What God Can Do](#)

[The Story Behind 'It Is No Secret': What God Can Do](#)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/the-story-behind-it-is-no-secret-what-god-can-do-138248/>

[Images for Story Behind 'It Is No Secret': What God Can Do](#)

[I then sang "Amigos de Christo" by John Ylvisaker that I found in a song booklet by a polka band for a polka service and also in an Augsburg Publishing House Vacation Bible School songbook.]

[Amigos De Cristo \(AGLC\) - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=az8Get7bzzc>

[Images for Amigos De Cristo \(AGLC\) - YouTube](#)

[Amigos De Cristo - Hymnary.org.](#)

Amigos de Cristo, we're friends of the Lord. Copyright: © John Ylvisaker, Inc.

http://www.hymnary.org/text/friends_of_the_covenant_renewed_each_mor

[Images for Amigos De Cristo](#)

[I gave the background of the sending song "God Bless America."]

[The story behind Irving Berlin's "God Bless America"](#)

<http://performingsongwriter.com/god-bless-america/>

[Images for Irving Berlin's "God Bless America"](#)

[I gave the background and then sang "Keep on the Sunny Side of Life."]

[Keep on the Sunny Side - Wikipedia](#)

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

[Images for Keep on the Sunny Side](#)

[The Carter Family - Keep on the sunny side - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbmQQ4RfzVE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpzodPN5ipo> Johnny Cash & June Carter Cash - Keep On The Sunny Side - YouTube

[Images for Keep On The Sunny Side - YouTube](#)

Conclusion

James exhorts the faithful, "Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise."

Articles

[Polka Service at Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church - The Isanti County News](#)

On Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m., a Polka Service will be held at Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church of Rush Point featuring Jon Ekstrom and the King's Men. Following the service, bratwurst and hot dogs with sauerkraut, German potato salad, chips, beans, and beverages will be served.

Calvary is located approximately five miles east of Grandy at Co. Rd. 6. All are invited to a morning of enjoyable music, food, and fellowship. For more information call 320-358-4829.

<http://isanticountynews.com/2012/10/17/polka-service-at-calvary-ev-lutheran-church/>

Images for Polka Service

http://www.presspubs.com/article_fabcc632-2e9c-5bc9-9745-e7e537ca56bc.html

https://www.hometownsource.com/isanti_county_news/news/local/polka-service-brats-at-calvary-lutheran-rush-point/article_6db04911-891c-5a7b-b596-a0c6ed9052d2.html

<http://my.calvaryofrushpoint.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H8m8L-EKC0> Polka Sunday - YouTube

Polka makes for church fun | Austin Daily Herald

All week long, I can't get this song out of my mind.

You know the one that goes: "Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord. See what He's doing, Praise to our God and adore." Still don't recognize it? Try humming it to the tune of "Beer Barrel Polka."

That's the one we were singing at beautiful Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, rural Lyle last Sunday morning. If only the Rev. Lydia Mittag knew then what she knows now, she might have started it sooner so popular did the idea become. The idea — allow a polka band to play their special old-time music in church, during a worship service — has proven Scandinavians have a sense of humor.

<http://www.austindailyherald.com/2010/05/polka-makes-for-church-fun/>

<http://www.sixmilegrovechurch.org/home.html>

Images for polka makes for church fun

St. Paul Lutheran Church Le Center Polka Worship Service

The public is invited to join us for a festive "Polka Worship Service" at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Le Center 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers will be providing the inspirational polka music. There will be a brunch served from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

http://www.southernminn.com/le_center_leader/community/article_f3bd612d-d5d8-5724-b835-85c11286789b.html

<https://www.stpaul-lc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Le-Center-MN-St-Paul-Lutheran-Church-Youth-1494958154062533/>

Images for Polka Worship Service

Sunday, April 15, 2018. Polk Worship Service 9:30am. Light Lunch 11-12:30 (Donation) Dance 1-4pm \$10.00.

Lion's Club Pavilion, Colby, WI. 103 W. Adams Street, Colby, WI. Hosted by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway and Trinity Lutheran Church of Unity.

Special guest performer Mollie Busta. Mollie B is an award-winning vocalist, TV show host, instrumentalist, performer, dancer, a former music teacher, producer, choreographer and more. Host of the "Mollie B Polka Party" & POLKA!

A 10% tithe will be donated to mission work.

Our Saviour's

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

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

YouTubes

Polka Worship Service 10-23-16 St. John's Lutheran Church - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJQUs0wsuNY>

Images for polka worship service - YouTube

<https://mp3vua.com/play/lutheran-polka.html> Lutheran Polka Fresh Mp3 Download | mp3legally

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzkU-Thw3v4> Ken Scheffler and Nephews at Trinity Lutheran, Athens, WI. - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJQUs0wsuNY> Polka Worship Service 10-23-16 St. John's Lutheran Church - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGuC-WDMU0Y> Polka Worship Service 11-12-17 St. John's Lutheran Church - YouTube

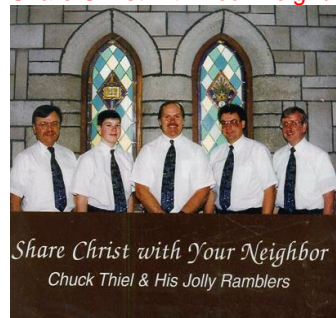
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w2dh6g0fPo> Lima Polka Band Praise the Lord - YouTube

Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers played for the Ecumenical Worship at the Chippewa Falls, WI Oktoberfest on 9/18/2016. The following order for the service of worship was used.

Opening Songs	Let the Son Shine In It's Time to Praise Our Savior
Greeting	
Welcome	
Prayer	
Call to Worship	Psalm 95:1-7
Song	Welcome, the Service is Starting
Reading	Jonah 1-2:1-8
Message	Pastor Aaron Sturgis

Songs	You Taught Us How to Love, Lord Beautiful My Savior Be
Intercessory Prayer	
Offertory Song	Count Your Many Blessings
Benediction	
Closing Song	Joy, Joy, Joy

Share Christ with Your Neighbor - Compact Disc Vocal Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers



http://www.christiannewsmo.com/Share_Christ_with_Your_Neighbor_Compact_Disc_p/0010006120.htm
 Images for Share Christ with Your Neighbor - Compact Disc Vocal Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers
<https://www.facebook.com/JollyRamblers/>

Commemoration of Luke, Evangelist on October 18

Luke, Evangelist will be commemorated with a service of healing and thanksgiving for healing. Luke is referred to in Colossians 4:14 as “the beloved physician.” Perhaps, you are in a situation of desiring prayers for healing, or you have experienced recovery from illness and you desire a prayer for thanksgiving. Those desiring prayers may come to the pastor after receiving communion for prayers of healing or prayers for thanksgiving for healing.

Gathering Song	We Come to You for Healing, Lord
Song of Mercy	There Is a Balm in Gilead
Song of Praise	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Hymn of the Day	Thy Holy Wings
Offering Song	Healer of Our Every Ill
Sending Song	I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Prayer for Healing	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Page 277	Laying on of Hands
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly

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

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8432/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Occasional-Services-for-the-Assembly> Page 271
 Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly Service of Healing

Prayer of the Day
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Occasional Services: A Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship
 Service of the Word for Healing. Page 89
<http://www.amazon.com/Occasional-Services-Companion-Lutheran-Worship/dp/0800633903>
http://books.google.com/books/about/Occasional_Services.html?id=Y41CGQAACAAJ
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 Healing. Page 276
<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/7583/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Pew-Edition>
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Prayers

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Readings and Prayers

Related to Ministry in Sickness and Health

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[Images for Healer of Our Every hymn](#)

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<http://www.amazon.com/Occasional-Services-Companion-Lutheran-Worship/dp/0800633903>

[Images for Occasional Services: A Companion to the Lutheran Book of Worship Service of the Word for Healing](#)

Communion Distribution

Laying on of Hands for Healing and Thanksgiving for Healing

Those desiring a prayer for healing or thanksgiving for healing are invited to receive communion at a communion station and then to come to the pastor for a prayer. Indicate to the pastor your desire for a prayer for healing or thanksgiving for healing.

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<http://www.augsburgfortress.org/worship/evangelicallutheranworship/>

[Images for Augsburg Fortress | Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Luke, Evangelist](#)

Luke the Evangelist - Wikipedia

Luke the Evangelist ([Ancient Greek](#): Λουκάς, Loukás) is one of the [Four Evangelists](#) or authors of [canonical Gospels](#) of [Jesus Christ](#). Luke was a native of the Hellenistic city of [Antioch in Syria](#). The early church fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the [Gospel according to Luke](#) and the book of [Acts of the Apostles](#), which originally formed a single literary work, referred to as [Luke-Acts](#). Such authorship was later reaffirmed by prominent figures in early Christianity such as [Jerome](#) and [Eusebius](#), although within scholarly circles, both secular and religious, [discussions](#) have been held due to the lack of evidence as to the identity of the author of the works.

In the [New Testament](#), Luke was mentioned briefly a few times, and referred to as a doctor in the Pauline epistle to the Colossians; thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of [Paul](#). Considered a [saint](#) by Christians since the faith's early years, he is believed to have died a [martyr](#), although accounts of the events do vary.

He is venerated as Saint Luke the Evangelist within the Roman Catholic Church, and major denominations, as [patron saint](#) of [artists](#), [physicians](#), [surgeons](#), [students](#) and [butchers](#); his [feast day](#) is 18 October.



James Tissot, *Saint Luke (Saint Luc)*, Brooklyn Museum

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

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[Images for Luke the Evangelist](#)

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8432/Evangelical-Lutheran-Worship-Occasional-Services-for-the-Assembly>
<http://www.amazon.com/Evangelical-Lutheran-Occasional-Services-Assembly/dp/0806696354>

[Images for Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly Ministry in Sickness and Health](#)

Movies/Scenes Representing Healing and Healers

<http://www.textweek.com/movies/healing.htm>

[Images for Movies/Scenes Representing Healing and Healers](#)

re:Worship

Healing/wholeness (53)

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Healing%2Fwholeness>

[Images for re:Worship Healing/wholeness](#)

Saint Luke | Facts & History | Britannica.com

St. Luke, also called Saint Luke the Evangelist, (flourished 1st century CE; feast day October 18), in [Christian](#) tradition, the author of the [Gospel According to Luke](#) and the [Acts of the Apostles](#), a companion of [St. Paul the Apostle](#), and the most literary of the [New Testament](#) writers. Information about his life is scanty. Tradition based on references in the Pauline Letters has regarded him as a physician and a [Gentile](#). He probably accompanied Paul on several missionary journeys.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Luke>

[Images for Saint Luke | Facts & History | Britannica.com](#)

Saint Luke The Evangelist - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbhlRfV7f5A>

[Images for Saint Luke The Evangelist - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn77aWlrsro> St. Luke The Evangelist - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHEJe8W5t34> St. Luke HD - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9Se3xuZcvQ> A Prayer to Saint Luke - YouTube

Service for Healing - Synod Resource Center

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

http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/occasional/healing/0002/service_of_healing.html

[Images for Service for Healing - Synod Resource Center](#)

St Luke - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/luke.htm>

[Images for St Luke - Textweek](#)

St. Luke's Service of Healing to be held Oct. 17

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Teaneck will be celebrating its annual St. Luke's Service of Healing for the community on Saturday night, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. This service commemorates Luke the Evangelist, and God's power of healing. It is open to the public. There will be a coffee hour after the service. St. Paul's, 61 Church St., is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Rev. Gary C. LeCroy is the pastor. For more information, call 201-837-3189 or visit

www.stpaulsteaneck.com

<http://www.northjersey.com/community-news/community-events-and-announcements/st-luke-s-service-of-healing-to-be-held-oct-17-1.994608>

[Images for St. Luke's Service of Healing to be held Oct. 17](#)

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Luke, Evangelist

Year A - Page 278

Year B – Page 280

Year C - Page 282

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>

<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>

[Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Luke, Evangelist](#)

In some congregations, the practice is to offer a service of healing at various times throughout the year.

Resources

A Litany for Healing | Where the Wind

<http://wherethewind.com/a-litany-for-healing/>

[Images for Litany for Healing](#)

A Public Service of Healing - Trinity Episcopal Church

<http://trinityepiscopalweth.org/Customer-Content/trinityweth/CMS/files/PublicServiceofHealing.pdf>

Images for Public Service of Healing

Healing Service | Ascension Lutheran Church

Word Pray Heal is our service of the word for healing. This service is held in the Sanctuary periodically throughout the year or may be scheduled for specific needs. During this service, there is a short teaching from the Bible (Word) on prayer and healing. Petition prayers are prayed. Then, we have the opportunity for personal or intercessory prayers (for another person). The service ends with anointing of oil and laying on of hands for those who want to come forward and be prayed for. This is a Spirit-filled time of talking with God and reflection and meditation.

<http://www.alcto.org/healing-service/>

Images for service of the word for healing

Healing Service | Christ Lutheran Church

A Healing Service is a worship experience that focuses on our individual needs for restoration of mind, body, and soul. It is designed to be more intimate than a traditional Sunday service and is best undertaken with a handful of people. The service invites participants to receive an anointing (blessed oil placed on one's forehead made in the name of God) through the ancient rite of laying on of hands after time spent in prayer with the pastor. The service is more meditative and self-reflective in orientation and seeks to unite the healing power of Christ with our wounded selves. People attend the service often for themselves or for a loved one whom they are concerned about. In circumstances of an upcoming surgery or procedure, it is not uncommon for pastors to hold a special service for the patient with his/her family members at the person's home.

<http://christelca.org/worship/healing-service/>

Images for restoration of mind, body, soul

Healing Services | Reformed Worship

<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-1989/healing-services>

Images for Healing Services | Reformed Worship

Litany of Healing - Grace Episcopal Church

http://www.gracealex.org/Worship/Litany_of_Healing/

Images for Litany of Healing

Live Long and Prosper: Going to Church Increases Lifespan

Healthy eating habits and regular exercise rank among the top life-prolonging activities. But there is one activity with potentially life-prolonging benefits that you may not have considered: going to church. That's right—studies show that attending a religious service more than once a week has the potential to help you live longer.

<http://www.reasons.org/articles/live-long-and-prosper-going-to-church-increases-lifespan>

Images for Live Long and Prosper: Going to Church Increases Lifespan

<https://www.cnn.com/2016/05/16/health/religion-lifespan-health/index.html>

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<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2006/apr/3/20060403-103809-9183r/>

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/1999/05/990517064323.htm>

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/attending-church-increases-life-span-study-shows-186322/>

<http://time.com/5159848/do-religious-people-live-longer/>

Images for religious people live longer

<https://health.spectator.co.uk/people-who-go-to-church-live-longer-heres-why/>

Images for people-who-go-to-church-live-longer

Religion—good for our health and well-being - Living Lutheran

How can religion and happiness be connected, what are the benefits of living a religious life and what influence does it have on people? With more people saying, “no thanks”, to religion, Living Lutheran took a look at the potential benefits for those who have kept the faith.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2016/06/religion-good-health-well/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/.../study-guide-religion-good-health-well/>

Images for Religion—good for our health and well-being – Living Lutheran

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

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

Service of the Word for Healing - LiturgyByTLW.com

I have found occasions in my ministry when offering a regular monthly healing service has been very important to the life of a community of faith. I put together the following service using the form in the *Occasional Services* 1982 (Augsburg Fortress) and used it at 4 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month for over a year in one parish. It was informal enough that I called out the hymns at each service, and otherwise used this same bulletin form for every service. See also a version of this service for [St. Luke's Day](#) (Oct. 18).

<http://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccChs/Healing.html>

Images for Service of the Word for Healing - LiturgyByTLW.com

Sr. Elisabeth Fedde and the Norwegian-American deaconesses | Metro Lutheran

While there was still work to be done, in only 13 years her determination and bold leadership had built the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess community in America and helped to found two major hospitals, one in Brooklyn and the other in Minneapolis.

<http://metrolutheran.org/2013/06/sr-elisabeth-fedde-and-the-norwegian-american-deaconesses/>
[Images for Sr. Elisabeth Fedde and the Norwegian-American deaconesses](#)

The Jaw Dropping Benefits of Church Attendance – Peter Haas

In my book *Pharisectomy*, I put a lot of random research about the church. People were riveted by my statements on how church attendance affects life expectancy; but, that was just the tip of the ice-berg. So, if you needed more motivation to search for that awesome church in your region, here's five reasons: 5 Statistical benefits for those who attend church.

<https://www.peterhaas.org/the-jaw-dropping-benefits-of-church-attendance/>
[Images for Benefits of Church Attendance](#)

The Wholeness Wheel - Portico Benefit Services

The Wholeness Wheel is increasingly used by ELCA individuals and organizations as an important learning and discernment tool. It illustrates that wellness is ... is multi-dimensional — made up of spiritual, vocational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and financial dimensions of well-being. Spiritual well-being is intertwined with and influences our well-being in all other dimensions.

<https://www.porticobenefits.org/CallToLiveWell/FaithBasedWellBeing/TheWholenessWheel>
[Images for Wholeness Wheel - Portico Benefit Services](#)

Wholeness and Healing | The Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/wholeness-and-healing>
[Images for Wholeness and Healing | The Church of England](#)

Why Religion Is Linked With Better Health And Well-Being | HuffPost

Janet Ramsey, a pastor and theology professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., sees such symbols as part of a broader religious narrative that undoubtedly adds support and meaning to people's lives. In her research, she says, "people in a faith tradition find ways for their lives to intersect with that larger narrative" and a "much deeper, symbolic life."

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[Images for Why Religion Is Linked With Better Health And Well-Being | HuffPost](#)
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/chaplain-mark-r-johnston/does-faith-make-a-difference_b_3957265.html
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/how-religion-is-good-and-bad-for-mental-health_us_560406b3e4b0fde8b0d16dc8

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https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1530 Faith Healer, Frederick J. Gaiser
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1114 "How I pray is breathe": Yoga, Christianity, and Healing. Mary Hinkle Shore
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1071 Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing" : A Brief History of the Anointing of the Sick and Its Use in Lutheran Worship. Kyle Kenneth Schiefelbein
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https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=335 In Touch with Jesus: Healing in Mark 5:21-43. Frederick J. Gaiser
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1003 On Forgiveness and Healing: Narrative Therapy and the Gospel Story. Janet L. Ramsey, Lois E. Malcolm
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=688 Spirituality in Medicine: What is Its Role, Today and Tomorrow. Karen Lawon
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=1297 Health Care Reform: Don't Trust It to the Angels! Terrie E. Troxel
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=356 Health Care Reform: Get Everyone In! Kristine M. Gebbie
https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=156 The Healing Power of Live in the "Tragic Gap" (1Corinthians 13:1-13) Eileen R. Campbell-Reed

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<https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx> HEALTH, HEALING, AND WELLNESS. Vol. 30, No 1 Winter, 2011
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<https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx> HEALING. Vol 2, No 4. Fall, 1982

https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?issue_id=8 Word and World - Healing (Fall 1982)

Lutefisk Dinner

Some congregations of a Norwegian background serve lutefisk for a church dinner.

This week in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA

October 10

Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at Chetek Lutheran. 11am–3pm. Please join us for a special Norwegian dinner: Lutefisk, homemade meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, cranberries, lefse, pie and coffee. Adults: \$15.00. Youth, 6-12 yrs old: \$6.00. Chetek Lutheran Church. 1419 Second St., P.O. Box 625. Chetek, WI 54728. Phone (715) 924-4881.

October 17

Annual Lutefisk dinner (with meatballs for non-lutefisk eaters) at Moe Lutheran, 4451 30th St., Clear Lake, WI 11am–3pm.

October 18

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner. Lutefisk, lefse, meatballs, potatoes, gravy, cabbage salad, cranberries, rutabagas, Norwegian bakery & cookies. Sunday, October 18 at 11:30am · Big Drywood Lutheran Church · 27095 120th Ave, Cadott, WI 54727 (715) 289-3608. Adults \$17.00. Grades 7-12 \$9.00. Grades 1-6 \$5.00. Preschool-L Free.

October 28

Annual Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner & Fair Trade Sale Wednesday, October 28 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. \$15 per person / Children K-6th grade \$7 Carry outs are available. Menu includes: Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs, Lefse, Pie and all the trimmings. Our Savior's Lutheran Church 110 W Begley, Greenwood WI

October 29

Lutefisk Supper- Thursday, October 29, 2-7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, N6450 530th Street, Beldenville, WI Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper along with a Country Store. Proceeds go to outreach ministries. All tickets at the door.

November 6

[Lutefisk - Swedish Meatball Dinner](#), 4-6:30pm at Concordia Lutheran, 1708 John Avenue, Superior.

November 6

First Lutheran Church Scandinavian Dinner November 6, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. 10680 Main Street, Hayward, WI Lutefisk, Lefse, Swedish Meatballs and all the trimmings Adults \$16 Children under 12 \$6, children 6 and under and adults over 90 may eat for free * Mail your check payable to First Lutheran Church Women P.O Box 346, Hayward, WI 54843 or call 715-634-2141. Tickets will be held at the door.

November 7

Annual Scandinavian Ole & Lena Lutefisk and Meatball Family Style Dinner Saturday November 7th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$15 per person / youth 12 and under \$5 Menu includes: Lutefisk, Meatballs and gravy, Potatoes, Rutabagas, Lefse, Fruit Suppe, Cranberry Relish, Apple and Pumpkin Pie, Coffee and Milk Proceeds are used for outreach and congregational ministries. For people who aren't all that wild about trying lutefisk, or had to eat it as kids and hated it, we do it up right and it is really pretty good (for lutefisk, which is saying something!). And, of course, you get meatballs, homemade mashed potatoes, rutabagas, fruit soup, homemade lefse, and homemade pie for dessert. Quite the deal! The annual bazaar and bake sale will be held the same day beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the dinner Our Savior's Lutheran Church 2502 23rd Ave, Rice Lake WI (6 miles East of Rice Lake at the intersection of Hwy 48 and 25th St. - one mile east of Campia)

November 7

First Lutheran Church Lutefisk Dinner 11am-3pm. Location: First Lutheran Church 419 South Urberg Avenue Blair, WI. Menu: Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Rutabagas, Lefse, Rolls, Cranberries, Pickles and

Christmas Baking. Adults \$13, Age 6-12 \$6.50, Age 5 and Free
All Carry-outs \$13

November 7

Lyster Lutheran Church in rural Nelson, WI will be having a lutefisk dinner on Saturday, November 7, 2015 with seatings at 11:00 am and 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 12:00 pm (noon) by calling Janice at (715) 673-4232. Prices: Adults \$16.00, \$5.00 for children ages 4 to 10, and free for ages 3 and under. Menu includes all you can eat lutefisk, lefse, meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, cole slaw, buns, choice of apple or pumpkin pie, and fancy Norwegian baking, coffee, water, or milk. There will also be a bake sale. Lyster is located at W1771 County Road D, Nelson, WI.

November 14

West Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual Lutefisk Dinner and Fall Bazaar. Saturday, November 14th- 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. Dinner menu includes Lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, rutabagas, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse, and pie. Fall Bazaar includes handmade crafts, lefse, canned goods and baked goods. Adults- \$18.00 Children 12 and under \$6.00. No advance ticket sales. 447 180th ST., Rural Osceola, WI. 6 miles North of Star Prairie, WI or 8 mile SE of Osceola, WI. Near Pine Lake. 715-294-2936. www.westimmanuel.org

November 11

Eleva Lutheran Church, 50533 South 2nd Street, Eleva, WI. Lutefisk dinner serving 10:20am to 1pm. Fall Harvest Dinner. Lutefisk/lefse/meatballs and all the trimmings. Lutefisk and Meatballs Dinner: Adults - \$14. Meatballs Dinner: Adults - \$10, Children 6 thru 12 - \$5, Five and under – Free.

November 14

33rd Annual [Lutefisk & Swedish Meatball Supper](#) at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bayfield, WI. (corner of 6th and Manypenny) Menu includes: Lutefisk served with white sauce and butter, Swedish meatballs and gravy, boiled potatoes, rutabaga, cranberry relish, lefse, rye bread, and dessert. Adults \$13, Children \$5.

February 21

The annual Lutefisk Dinner hosted by the Elk Creek Lutheran Church of Hale. Seatings: 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm. Menu includes: Lutefisk and Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rutabagas, Cole Slaw, Cranberry Chutney, Lefse and Rolls, Desserts & Beverages All for only \$14 Reserved tickets available by calling Becky Rongstad at 715-694-2181. The Elk Creek Lutheran Church is located at W16316 Cty Rd OO 7 miles southwest of Osseo.

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs191/1101126434512/archive/1118665286404.html>

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Images for Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner at Lutheran Church

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKBF6R9GCUA> First Lutheran Church's Annual Lutefisk Dinner – YouTube

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Olsen Fish Company - Lutefisk Products

Olsen Fish Company has positioned itself as the world's largest Lutefisk producer using only genuine Norwegian stockfish. With many years of experience producing Lutefisk, it is obvious why more customers prefer Olsen's Flakee White Lutefisk.

<http://www.olsenfish.com/lutefisk.cfm>

Images for Olsen Fish Company - Lutefisk Products

This occasion provides the opportunity to tell my life story with this food.

In 1993, I served one such congregation. People exerted influence on me so that I tried lutefisk for the first time in my life. The next Sunday I explained that, while growing up, my home congregation served lutefisk, but I never possessed the intestinal fortitude to eat it. Later, the congregation discontinued the practice, and the local Sons of Norway lodge started up the practice of serving a Scandinavian meal. The lodge imported cod from Newfoundland and then included all the rest of the fixings. I further related that the previous Wednesday I tried some lutefisk with butter and some with white sauce and found both to be more palatable than originally anticipated, but a big reason that I tried lutefisk for the first time was that I had recently turned 40 and I thought it was time I started taking some risks in my life. After all, a man has to start taking risks at some point in his life.

I may even serenade the assembly with a rendition of "Oh Lutefisk".

Oh Lutefisk - Old Lutheran - The Center for Lutheran Pride (But not too proud)

by Red Stangeland with last verse by Robert L. Lee
[Sung to the tune of "O Tannunbaum."]

Lutefisk... Oh Lutefisk... how fragrant your aroma
Oh Lutefisk... Oh Lutefisk... You put me, in a coma
You smell so strong... You look like glue
You taste just like an overshoe
Put Lutefisk ... come Saturday
I tink I'll eat you anyway.

Lutefisk...Oh lutefisk...When my poor heart stops beating
The pearly gates will open wide, I'll see the angels eating
From steaming platters of the stuff, and there will always be enough
O piece of cod that I adore, O lutefisk forevermore!

<http://www.oldlutheran.com/page.php?page=humor&id=7>

Images for Oh Lutefisk - Old Lutheran - The Center for Lutheran Pride (But not too proud)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQAZ4IKcncw> O LUTEFISK aka OH LUTEFISK by Red Stangland and Terry R. Shaw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4rNXJjEK08> O Lutefisk - Uncle Torvald's Norwegian Memories - YouTube

Lutefisk and lefse, ya sure ya betcha!



I may offer a Norwegian blessing

Norwegian Blessing | Norway | Pinterest | Midnight sun

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/159174168058594018/>

Images for Norwegian Blessing | Norway | Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/128915608056161576/> Discover ideas about Norwegian Recipes

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<https://tr.pinterest.com/pin/523402787923361175/> Discover ideas about Norwegian Recipes - Norwegian Blessing - I wish these sorts of things could be better focused sometimes.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/294704369338772717/> Norwegian Table Prayer

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/276830708325055863/> Discover ideas about Scandinavian Food. The Lord's Prayer in Norwegian.

May the Norse be with you!

Bread for the World Sunday on October 19

Thousands of churches across the country will take action this fall to end hunger in the United States and around the world by celebrating Bread for the World Sunday.

Bread for the World Sunday offers an opportunity to engage your congregation in God's work to end hunger. During a special church service, congregations commit themselves to the fight against hunger and poverty through education, prayer, and worship.

Your celebration of Bread for the World Sunday can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose. The important point is to set aside a time for remembering those in our own country and around the world who struggle to get enough to eat. We also invite you to pray for the ministry of Bread for the World at this crucial time.

This is your chance to join thousands of other Christians across the country as we lift up our voices on behalf of hungry people. Bread for the World Sunday will be celebrated on October 19, 2014, but you may choose to participate on any date this fall. Join us as we celebrate our calling as Jesus' disciples to work for justice for hungry people.

Questions? Please contact us at 800-822-7323 or email publications@bread.org

Bread for the World Sunday - Bread for the World

<http://www.bread.org/help/church/bread-sunday/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/breadfortheworld> breadfortheworld - YouTube

Images for Bread for the World Sunday - Bread for the World

Reformation Day to be commemorated on October 25

Martin Luther began a movement that called for continual renewal and reformation of the church. Reformation Day provides an opportunity to focus on our life of the church being continually renewed. Sing some of the great Lutheran hymns and hear the story of the reformer!

Gathering Song	Built on a Rock
Canticle of Praise	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Litany	Reformation Dialog
	Liturgy of God's Word for Reformation Sunday http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Pentecost/Reforma.html
Scripture Song	God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Hymn of the Day	A Mighty Fortress
Profession of Faith	<i>Small Catechism</i> of Martin Luther. The Creed. The Second Article.
Sending Song	The Church's One Foundation

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<https://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/reformation-day-fusion.pdf>

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Reformation Day: What, Why, and Resources for Worship – Discipleship Ministries

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/reformation-day-what-why-and-resources-for-worship>

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Reformation Day - Wikipedia

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<https://www.pinterest.com/knutsonpins/reformation-daymartin-luther/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/jwoods66/reformation-day-activities/>

Presentation of Bibles on Reformation Sunday, October 25

Bibles will be presented to children on Reformation Sunday. This practice seeks to assist parents to carry out one of their baptismal responsibilities to “place in their hands the holy scriptures.” Pray for our children that in the words of Holy Baptism they may “join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.”

Resources

Child & Youth Milestones | Milestones Ministry

- [FaithChest® Milestone: Passing on Faith](#)
- [Baptism Milestone: The Beginning Point of Nurturing a Faith Life](#)
- [Anniversary of Baptism Milestone: Remembering Our Way of Life](#)
- [Prayer Milestone: Relationships with God and Family](#)
- [Welcoming Young Children to Worship Milestone: An Intentional Invitation](#)
- [Entering Sunday School Milestone: First Steps for a Young Child](#)
- [Kids and Money Milestone: Good Stewards of God’s Gifts](#)
- [Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone: A Fall Milestone for All Ages](#)
- [Communion Milestone: Learning More about the Lord’s Supper](#)
- [Bible Milestone: Placing Scripture in Hands and Homes](#)
- [Bible Camp Milestone: Feeling God’s Comfort in Outdoor Ministry](#)
- [My Body, God’s Gift Milestone: Sexuality as God’s Good Gift](#)
- [Middle School Milestone: Created in God’s Image](#)
- [Beginning Confirmation Milestone: Walking with Youth on Their Faith Journeys](#)
- [Confirmation Milestone: An Evening of Honor](#)
- [Driver’s License Milestone: Driver’s License as a Rite of Passage](#)
- [Mission Trip Milestone: Community Blessings at Home and Away](#)
- [High School Graduation Milestone: Equipping Graduates for the Journey](#)

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Stone 1: Healthy Baby

Stone 2: Healthy Preschooler

Stone 3: Entering School

[Stone 4: My Bible](#)

Stone 5: Holy Communion

Stone 6: Surviving Adolescence

Stone 7: Confirmation

Stone 8: Graduation

<https://www.faithink.com/Inkubators/stones.asp>

Images for Eight Stepping Stones - Faith Inkubators

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Turn your clocks back November 4

Daylight Saving Time (United States) 2018 began on Sunday, March 11, 2am, and ends on Sunday, November 4, 2am. *Fall back* one hour at the end of daylight savings time.

All Saints Day Jazz Service on Sunday, November 1

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In and *Soon and Very Soon* are two songs we will sing as a part of the All Saints Day Jazz Service with an ensemble being assembled by our accompanist providing the music. The faithful departed will be remembered. A special invitation goes out to all those who have lost loved ones during this past year to light a candle in memory of their loved one! A volunteer

coordinator for Adoray Home Health and Hospice will speak on hospice care and other end of life matters at the adult forum between services in the narthex. A special invitation is extended to the children and youth to march with musical instruments to these gathering and sending songs. On All Saints Day, we remember loved ones who have finished their course on earth and now rest from their labors.

All Saints Day Jazz Service [ensemble]

Gathering Music	When Upon Life's Billows: Count Your Blessings Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Gathering Song	Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (Children and youth march in with musical instruments.)
Song of Mercy	Softly and Tenderly
Song of Praise	Shall We Gather at the River
Special Music	Oh Happy Day
Song of the Day	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (Leader to sing verses. Assembly to sing chorus.)
Offering Song	Standing in the Need of Prayer
Communion Song	My Soul Will Rest My Soul Will Rest by Larry Olson - Dakota Road Music https://dakotaroadmusic.com/track/903587/my-soul-will-rest
Sending Song	Soon and Very Soon (Children and youth march out with musical instruments.)
Sending Music	Do, Lord, Remember Me

Resources

About the Music

Jazz, which is the first music America can truly call her own, has its roots in black culture. The slaves brought into the country from Africa, Spirituals, as we now call them that are intended to "move the spirit." The music itself was originally based on African rhythms, and eventually evolved into the all-encompassing term "Jazz" or "Dixieland," which we hear today.

In order to understand it, a study of its component parts follows: Imagine a song where the lead voice carries the melody line. The trumpet or cornet plays the lead. Lower voices will harmonize or improvise a counter melody, which is captured by the trombone. Higher voices complement the upper register, contrasting the original theme.

Early black musicians took these vocal ideas and played them on the instruments mentioned above. Because these people had no formal training, they played by ear. Jazz can be called "spontaneous improvisation." You play what you "feel" paying attention to what the other musicians are doing. Not everybody can be a jazz musician, and not every musician can play jazz.

But the fundamental rules for a jazz band really apply to living a Christian life:

- 1) The band exists for the good of all its members.
- 2) Everyone listens to each other and plays to complement what the other members are playing. There are no superstars, and a mutual respect for the ability of each player is evident.
- 3) What is being stated musically comes from the heart. The instruments are extensions of each musician.
- 4) If the music sounds good and seems to "swing" by itself, then there is harmony and not discord. Remember the song:
"I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony."

Author: Bob Andrews. Borrowed. Public Domain.

Alban Weekly: Jazz belongs in church

Like many churches, [First Presbyterian](#) has rich music offerings. But for many in the congregation, the jazz ministry holds particular power.

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[Images for Alban Weekly: Jazz belongs in church](#)

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When The Saints Go Marching In - All Saints' Day - YouTube

Processional at the worship service of First United Methodist Church, in Conway, South Carolina on All Saints' Sunday. "When the Saints Go Marching In" is performed by the FUMC Festival Brass and Buttermilk Revival on November 4, 2012.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2V6_VWjggo

[Images for When The Saints Go Marching In - All Saints Day - YouTube](#)

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Images for Saints Day - re:Worship

Saints Alive All Saints Service Product/Goods : Creative Communications

This is a worship service for All Saints that not only looks back at those whom God has provided in our history, but also looks around at those saints who are more recent gifts of God in our lives. Hymns include "Crown Him With Many Crowns" "For All the Saints," and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

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Transitional Ministry Today: Successful Strategies for Churches and Pastors edited by Norman B. Bendroth

One ritual I have used, developed by a colleague of mine, is having a display of salt, water, and bread at the front of the worship space on [All Saints' Day](#).

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1566997518>

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Invitation to Families of Faithful Departed

Dear *(name)*,

You are invited to worship on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 9. We will be remembering your loved one and all the rest of the faithful departed of this past year whose funerals and memorial services have been at this church. In addition, there will be an adult

forum between services on "Dealing with Loss and Grief." You are invited to come to this special presentation and conversation. Please invite the family and relations to remember your loved one by coming to worship on All Saints Sunday, November 2!

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Lowell Bolstad

All Saints' Day - Wikipedia

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, Halloween,^{[3][4]} Feast of All Saints,^{[5][6]} or Solemnity of All Saints,^[7] is a **Christian festival** celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In **Western Christianity**, it is celebrated on 1 November by the **Roman Catholic Church**, the **Anglican Communion**, the **Methodist Church**, the **Lutheran Church**, and other Protestant churches. The **Eastern Orthodox Church** and associated **Eastern Catholic churches** celebrate it on the first Sunday after **Pentecost**.^[8] **Oriental Orthodox** churches of Chaldea and associated Eastern Catholic churches celebrate All Saints' Day on the first Friday after Easter.^[9]

Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "**Church triumphant**"), and the living (the "**Church militant**"). In **Catholic** theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the **beatific vision** in Heaven. It is a **national holiday** in many historically **Catholic countries**. In **Methodist** theology, All Saints Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his **saints**", including those who are "famous or obscure".^[10] As such, individuals throughout the Church Universal are honored, such as **Paul the Apostle**, **Augustine of Hippo** and **John Wesley**, in addition to individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's grandmother or friend.^[10]



Painting by Fra Angelico

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All Saints Day [organ]

Gathering Song	For All the Saints
Canticle of Praise	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Special Music	Behold, a Host Arrayed in White
Hymn of the Day	For All Your Saints, O Lord
Sending Song	O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Litany on November 8

The Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Litany continues the tradition of showing gratitude for God's blessings. This tradition is grounded in a celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us.

Gathering Song	Gather Us In	
Canticle of Praise	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 1-5
Hymn of the Day	For All the Faithful Women	sts. 6-11
Sending Song	Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God	

Thank Offering Litany

[Thankoffering | Women of the ELCA](#)
<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankoffering-litany-pages-93.php>
Images for Thankoffering | Women of the ELCA

Blessing for Veterans on Sunday, November 13

A prayer of remembrance for veterans will be offered on this Sunday close to Veterans Day. A special invitation goes out to all veterans!

Resources

[Ask them about their stories - Living Lutheran](#)

To help

★ The 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly passed a memorial on supporting military personnel, veterans and their families. As part of that memorial, congregations are called to raise their voices in prayer for all who have served in the U.S. military on the Sunday closest to Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

★ For prayer and action resources, visit elcachaps.com.

★ Contact your synod office to connect with your “centurion contact,” a volunteer who can offer ideas for ways to care for veterans and their families.

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5 prayers for veterans on Veterans Day | Guideposts

There may be no better way to honor and connect with a veteran than in prayer.

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Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Veterans Day 2018 (PDF) ELCA Worship Resources for Veterans Day Sunday, November 11, 2018

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Harvest Festival Worship on November 13

"Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home."

This hymn sets the tone for the harvest festival worship on Sunday, November 13. This congregation will be serving a harvest dinner that day following worship.

Gathering Song	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Canticle of Praise	Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Hymn of the Day	We Plow the Field and Scatter
Offering Song	For the Fruit of All Creation
Sending Song	Praise and Thanksgiving

Resources

Best 25+ Harvest festivals ideas on Pinterest

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Harvest festival - Wikipedia

A harvest festival is an annual [celebration](#) that occurs around the time of the main [harvest](#) of a given region. Given the differences in climate and crops around the world, harvest festivals can be found at various times at different places. Harvest festivals typically feature feasting, both family and public, with foods that are drawn from crops that come to maturity around the time of the festival. Ample food and freedom from the necessity to work in the fields are two central features of harvest festivals: eating, merriment, contests, music and romance are common features of harvest festivals around the world.



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<https://request.org.uk/festivals/other-festivals/harvest/>

<http://topverses.com/about/harvest>

<https://sermons.faithlife.com/sermons/122589-harvest-festival-of-thanksgiving>

Images for harvest festival of thanksgiving

<https://www.borntowin.net/articles/a-christian-harvest-festival/>

Images for christian harvest festival

Some congregations offer a Harvest Dinner in the fall.

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Harvest Festival Service of Worship on Sunday, October 14th – “Come, Ye Thankful People Come.” In this spirit we gather to praise God for the harvest. Good Shepherd **Harvest Meatball Dinner** 11:30am-1:30pm.

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/1bd823243608be3182ba30a743e7b3f9?AccessKeyId=482FF519AC4CCB150576&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

NW Synod Calendar of Events - September 28, 2018

Meatball Harvest Dinner. Peace Lutheran – Pigeon Falls. October 17, 2018 4:30-7:00p.m.

Meatball/Lefse Harvest Dinner. Osseo Evangelical – Osseo. October 24, 2018 4:30-7:00p.m.

<http://files.constantcontact.com/0deff306001/b02ead8f-e514-4fb0-8dc1-99141d3076cd.pdf>

Blessing for Hunters before Deer Season on November 15

A blessing of hunters before the deer season will be offered on the Sunday before the start of the deer season gun hunt. A special invitation is extended to deer hunters to wear orange attire that Sunday!

Resources

Nikos: A Hunter's Prayer

<http://pastorrob-nikos.blogspot.com/2010/10/hunters-prayer.html>

Images for prayer for hunters

[PDF]The Hunters Blessing - Hope Worship Center

<http://www.hopeworship.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/The-Hunters-Blessing.pdf>

Images for Hunter's Blessing

Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 15

To be sure the whole year is filled with thanksgiving. But Thanksgiving is designated for a special time of praise to God for the rich blessings of the past year. Come with grateful hearts to our Thanksgiving Service!

[Many congregations I am familiar with offer a Thanksgiving Eve service, while a few still offer a Thanksgiving Day service. One small open country congregation I served did not offer either, so I offered a Thanksgiving service on the Sunday before the Day of Thanksgiving one year. The next year, Christ the King fell on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so I offered a Thanksgiving service the Sunday prior to Christ the King and extended an invitation to the people to go to the Thanksgiving Eve service at the neighboring Lutheran church. In another parish, a Thanksgiving service had not been offered for many years, so I offered to hold a Thanksgiving Eve service of worship.]

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Gathering Song

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn of the Day

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offering Song

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sending Song

Now Thank We All Our God

Resources – Service**Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning**

Day of Thanksgiving

Year A - Page 310

Year B – Page 312

Year C - Page 331

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017><https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons><http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>

Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Day of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving A - Textweek<http://www.textweek.com/yea/thanksa.htm>

Images for Thanksgiving A - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/yearb/thanksb.htm><http://www.textweek.com/yearc/thanksc.htm>**Thanksgiving : Creative Communications - Protestant**<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA!CPTHK/Thanksgiving.aspx>

Images for Thanksgiving : Creative Communications - Protestant

Thanksgiving Day Worship Resources - re:Worship<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/index-of-thanksgiving-day-resources.html><https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [Thanksgiving Day Resource Index](#)

Images for Thanksgiving Day Worship Resources – re: Worship

Thanksgiving Medley - YouTube<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3dXCL34aEA><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJXR6kMeHxM> Thanksgiving Hymn - YouTube

Images for Thanksgiving hymns - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NSQLMPUK-8> Thanksgiving Song - Mary Chapin Carpenter - YouTube<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMTmZKotTYw> Give Thanks - Don Moen with Lyrics - YouTube**Thanksgiving - New World Encyclopedia**

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival. Traditionally, it is a time to give thanks for the harvest and express gratitude in general. It is a holiday celebrated primarily in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#). While originally religious, Thanksgiving is now primarily identified as a secular holiday albeit of historical, legendary, and symbolic significance.

<http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Thanksgiving>

Images for Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving | Reformed Worship

As our worship team began planning for Thanksgiving, we realized we wanted to do more than offer a one-time Thanksgiving service. We wanted the congregation to think about what they were thankful for through the whole Thanksgiving season, and we also wanted them to think about how they could give back to God.

<https://www.reformedworship.org/departments/thanksgiving>[Images for Thanksgiving | Reformed Worship](#)<https://www.rethinkworship.com/thanksgiving-service-ideas/><http://religioninsights.org/articles/thanksgiving-sermon-ideas-and-tips-worship-planning>**Resources – Message****An Attitude of Gratitude | Preaching Today**

Being **thankful** enables us to overcome our problems instead of being overcome by them.

<http://www.preachingtoday.com/sermons/sermons/2006/august/attitudeofgratitude082806.html>

Images for Attitude of Gratitude | Preaching Today

Funny Jokes – Not a Martha Stewart Thanksgiving

Sep 17, 2007 ... To All Our Family and Friends: Just a note to let you know we are hoping to see you Thanksgiving Day. But.... Martha Stewart will not be dining ...

<http://christmasjokes.wordpress.com/2007/09/17/funny-jokes-not-a-martha-stewart-thanksgiving>
Images for Funny Jokes – Not a Martha Stewart Thanksgiving

Preaching Thanksgiving by David Lose - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

So how does all this help us in preaching thanksgiving? Two things. First, after teaching about the nature of gratitude and thanksgiving -- which is certainly worth doing, if briefly -- then move to this issue of noticing. For those with eyes to see, God's blessings are all around us. And as we give thanks for them, we notice even more and are blessed yet again. We live in an age governed by a sense of "scarcity" and an ethos of "looking out for number one." A simple word of gratitude opens us up to world of abundance, mercy, and grace. It may seem a small thing -- noticing and thanking -- but it's the first step to setting in motion a cycle of gratitude and grace.

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1514>
Images for Preaching Thanksgiving by David Lose - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher
<https://www.sermoncentral.com/pastors-preaching-articles/david-lose-why-preaching-on-thanksgiving-is-so-difficult-1434?ref=PreachingArticleSerps>
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2796> Second Blessing by David Lose - Working Preacher
<http://www.davidlose.net/tag/thanksgiving/>
<http://www.davidlose.net/2012/11/thanksgiving/>

Stewardship Sunday

Gathering Song	Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
Hymn of Praise	Take My Life, That I May Be
Hymn of the Day	We Give Thee But Thine Own
Offering Song	For the Fruit of All Creation
Sending Song	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Resources

Scripture Litany: Stewardship - re:Worship
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/11/scripture-litany-stewardship.html>
Images for Scripture Litany: Stewardship - re:Worship

Stewardship | Episcopal Church

[Liturgy and Music](#)

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/stewardship>
Images for Stewardship | Episcopal Church Liturgy and Music
<https://www.tens.org/resources/free-resources/free-resources-blog/?category=Liturgical+%26+Worship+Resources&blogid=157>

Stewardship Sunday | Reformed Church in America

<https://www.rca.org/stewardshipsunday>
Images for Stewardship Sunday | Reformed Church in America
<https://cpcmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/A-Liturgy-for-Stewardship-Sunday.pdf>
<https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/11818/Equip101StewardshipSunday.pdf?t=1>
[http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/Stewardship WR_Sep3012.pdf](http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/Stewardship_WR_Sep3012.pdf)
<http://www.preachinginpumps.com/liturgy/stewardship-sunday-call-to-worship-blessed-to-be-a-blessing/>
<http://www.preachinginpumps.com/liturgy/stewardship-sunday-call-to-worship/>
<http://www.abc-usa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/faithful.pdf> [PDF] stewardship sunday 2009 call to worship a stewardship prayer faithful giving
Images for stewardship prayer faithful giving

Stewardship – The United Methodist Church

[Get stewardship resources»](#) Worship & Prayer (130)

<http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/stewardship>
Images for Stewardship – The United Methodist Church

WORSHIP & PRAYER - Stewardship Toolkit

<http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/worship>
Images for WORSHIP & PRAYER - Stewardship Toolkit

Christ the King Commemorated on Sunday, November 22

"Jesus shall reign where're the sun does its successive journeys run," wrote Isaac Watts. In this spirit, we gather on this last Sunday of the church year to honor Christ who is the king. This king claims the central place in our lives!

Gathering Song	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Hymn of Praise	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn of the Day
Offering Song
Sending Song

Jesus Shall Reign
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Resources

Christ the King A - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/yeara/christa.htm>

Images for Christ the King A - Textweek

<http://www.textweek.com/yearb/christb.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/yearc/christc.htm>

Christ the King - Liturgy by TLW

<http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Pentecost/ChrKing.html>

Images for Christ the King - Liturgy by TLW

Christ the King Sunday (celebrating the seasons of the church year)

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

The Rev. Neil P. Harrison - Program Director, Congregational Renewal - ELCA Domestic Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 8765 W Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631-4101 - Phone: 800/638-3522 ext. 2667 or 773/380-2667; Fax: 773/380-2632 Neil.Harrison@elca.org

Christ the King Sunday - Crown Him with Many Crowns

http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/worship/church_seasons/pentecost/0001/crown.html

Images for Christ the King Sunday - Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christ the King - Wikipedia

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pius XI in 1925. It is celebrated by most Anglicans and some Protestant denominations on the Sunday before the first Sunday of Advent.



Stained glass window at the [Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral](#) in [Roslindale, Massachusetts](#), depicting Christ the King in the regalia of a Byzantine emperor

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

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

Images for christ the king

Christ the King - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDWRbX2FIdA>

Images for Christ the King - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHNIgJW9tyo> Christ the King - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc2-FvXWOCw> Jesus Christ is King of Kings - YouTube

Images for Jesus Christ is King of Kings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T757EPPj9SM> Feast of Christ the King - YouTube

Images for Feast of Christ the King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3Dn7dwzYfk> Jesus Images | Beautiful Jesus Christ Images | King Of King - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0o_c-P68Zo Jesus Christ - King of Kings - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxW0OTs74oq> Christ the King (LIVE) - The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir - YouTube

Images for Christ the King (LIVE) - The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir - YouTube

8 Bible verses about Jesus Christ, King - Knowing Jesus – Bible

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Jesus-Christ,-King>

Images for bible and christ the king

<https://bible.org/node/10982> Jesus Is King | Bible.org

Images for Jesus Is King

<https://www.gotquestions.org/King-of-kings-Lord-of-lords.html>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/2312-Jesus-Christ-as-king>

Images for Jesus Christ as King

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/christ-king/>

<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Story/TabId/2672/ArtMid/13567/ArticleID/23337/Christ-As-King-in-Scripture.aspx>

<https://www.bible-topics.com/Christ-the-King.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-is-the-ruler-of-kings-on-earth>

Images for Jesus is ruler of kings on earth

<https://catholicexchange.com/scripture-speaks-christ-king-2>

<https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/king-of-kings-faq.htm>

Images for King of Kings

Holy Trinity - Christ the King Sunday-- Hymns and Lessons for The Last Sunday of the Church Year – (Cycle B)

<https://www.holytrinity.net/christ-the-king-sunday-the-last-sunday-of-the-church-year-hymns-and-lessons-for-proper-29-b/>

Images for Holy Trinity - Christ the King Sunday

Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning

Christ the King

Year A - Page 314

Year B – Page 316

Year C - Page 328

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22059/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-A-2017>

<https://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/22919/Worship-Planning-Calendar-Year-B-2018-Sundays-and-Seasons>

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/18574/Sundays-and-Seasons-Guide-to-Worship-Planning-Year-C-2016>

Images for Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning Christ the King

The King of Second Chances by David Lose - Working Preacher

And this, I think, is the key to preaching **Christ the King Sunday**: to realize that Jesus is not coming to be just one more king (or ruler or president or whatever), but rather that he is ushering in an entirely new order -- a world and order and reign and kingdom characterized by new life, hope, grace and above all love -- the kind of love that never wearies in extending and receiving second chances.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2879>

Images for The King of Second Chances by David Lose - Working Preacher - Christ the King Sunday

<https://www.davidlose.net/2014/11/christ-the-king-a/>

<https://www.davidlose.net/2015/11/christ-the-king-b-not-of-this-world/>

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1559> Christ the King by David Lose - Craft of Preaching – Working Preacher

20 best Christ the king images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/mistveira/christ-the-king/>

Images for Christ the King on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/hvsage/christ-the-king/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/bonniem4001/christ-the-king-of-the-universe/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/lovestrillum/christ-the-king/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/revioelle/christ-the-king/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cubanfotos/christ-the-king/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/beckdewittville/christ-the-king/>

We Are Children Of The King Christ The King Service – Creative Communications

By the grace of God and the working of the Holy Spirit, children of the King are destined to receive a rich inheritance. . . even if those children appear to be sheep—especially if they appear to be sheep. This service is rich in hymnody, beginning with the melody of “How Great Thou Art” and ending with that of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.”

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CHK1/we-are-children-of-the-king-christ-the-king-service.aspx>

http://www.creativecommunications.com/Content/Site174/FilesSamples/156466pdf_00000079254.pdf [PDF] King Kings Lord Lords

Images for We Are Children Of The King Christ The King Service – Creative Communications

Advent Service of Readings and Carols on Sunday, November 29

“Come, Lord Jesus,” is the prayer for Advent for the coming of our Lord. We welcome in the season of Advent with a service of lessons and carols on the first Sunday of Advent.

Resources

Advent Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Nj47yIlmUA>

Images for Advent Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GlgPLqXNdl> December 10, 2017: Advent Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9dpciv50aA> Advent Lessons and Carols at 5 PM December 3 at St. James's in Richmond, VA

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/advent-lessons-and-carols> Advent Lessons and Carols | Episcopal Church

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/advent-lessons-carols-2015> Advent Lessons & Carols 2015 | Episcopal Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U16uEtWk5d8> Lessons and Carols 2017 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB0fl77d0ww> Holy Cross - Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols - 2015 - YouTube

Images for Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOej5abO5VM> Advent Lessons and Carols at Providence College - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQA69VP1MoU> 2012 Lessons and Carols - Providence College - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gAEB5p9lrw> 2015 Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2sZphEWvdk> 2016 Lesson and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YArQfawCgFY> 2017 Lessons and Carols - YouTube

Images for Advent Lessons and Carols at Providence College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpqLQRs0tp0> An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - The Duke Vespers Ensemble

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThzTB2yLgS8> 2017 Advent Lessons and Carols—St. Paul's Parish - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHKE9K1AOj0> Brown University's 101st Service of Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4swNo5Z2rk> Lessons and Carols event Saturday, December 7, 2013, at Madonna della Strada Chapel - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii4MdRY8SD0> 2011 Lessons and Carols (Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.) - YouTube

Nine Lessons and Carols - Wikipedia

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of [Christian worship](#) celebrating the birth of [Jesus](#) that is traditionally followed at [Christmas](#). The story of the [fall of humanity](#), the promise of the [Messiah](#), and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short [Bible](#) readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of [Christmas carols](#), [hymns](#) and choir music.

The format was based on an Order drawn up by [Edward Benson](#), later [Archbishop of Canterbury](#) but at that time [Bishop of Truro](#), in [Cornwall](#), for use on [Christmas Eve](#) (24 December) 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden structure serving as his [cathedral](#)^[1] and that the purpose of the service was to keep men out of the pubs.^[2]

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Lessons and Carols most often occur in [Anglican](#) churches. However, numerous Christian denominations have adopted this service, or a variation on this service, as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the UK, the service has become the standard format for schools' Christmas carol services.

The best-known version is broadcast annually from [King's College, Cambridge](#), on Christmas Eve. It features carols sung by the famous [Choir of King's College](#). [Groton School of Groton, Massachusetts](#), has performed the festival longer than any institution other than King's, holding its first Lessons and Carols in 1928.



The Adoration of the Magi (1634) by [Peter Paul Rubens](#), which hangs behind the [altar](#) in [King's College Chapel, Cambridge](#).
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine_Lessons_and_Carols

Images for Nine Lessons and Carols

Savior of the Nations, Come: The World Prepares for Christ's Birth

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

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The Great O Antiphons: A Service for Advent

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

Images for Great O Antiphons: A Service for Advent

Assistant to the Bishop to preach on December 7

Assistant to the Bishop Greg Kaufmann will preach and assist with communion distribution. Following the service of worship, he will present and converse with interested members regarding the rough draft of the Ministry Site Profile.



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Our Staff

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

Images for Assistant to the Bishop Greg Kaufmann

New Members to be Received December 13

We rejoice to receive new members as fellow workers in the kingdom of God. Be present to give them a warm welcome to this congregation!

Season of Advent – Watch, Prepare, Rejoice, Behold

Advent Year C

Advent 1 - Watch

Gathering Song	Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Hymn of the Day	Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Sending Song	Soon and Very Soon

Advent Litany

Advent Litany - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/advent-litany.html>

Images for Advent Litany - re:Worship

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/advent-worship-resource-index.html>

Advent Creed

An Advent Creed - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/advent-creed.html>

Images for Advent Creed - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2011/11/advent-affirmation-of-faith.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/advent-worship-resource-index.html>

Selected Reading Luke 21:25-36

Advent 2 - Prepare

Gathering Song	Prepare the Royal Highway
Hymn of the Day	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry
Sending Song	Of the Father's Love Begotten

Selected Reading Luke 3:1-6

Advent 3 - Rejoice

Gathering Song	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Hymn of the Day	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Sending Song	From Heaven Above
Blessing	

Benediction: Philippians 4: 4-7 - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/12/benediction-philippians-4-4-7.html>

Images for Benediction: Philippians 4: 4-7 – re:Worship

Selected Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Advent 4 - Behold

Gathering Song	Once in Royal David's City
The Christmas Jubilee: A Christmas Program by the Children and Youth	
Sending Song	Away in a Manger

Selected Reading Luke 1:39-55

Advent Lessons and Carols

2 Advent A

Gathering Song	Prepare the Royal Highway
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Advent Litany

First Reading Carol	Isaiah 11:1-10 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Psalms Carol	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness
Second Reading Carol	Romans 15:4-13 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Gospel Carol	Matthew 3:1-12 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Sermon Advent Creed	
Sending Song	Of the Father's Love Begotten

Advent

Resources

A Modern Resource Guide for Advent Worship Planning | Ashley Danyew

<https://www.ashleydanyew.com/posts/a-modern-resource-guide-for-advent-worship-planning>

Images for A Modern Resource Guide for Advent Worship Planning | Ashley Danyew

Advent : Creative Communications - Protestant

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CategoryCenter/CPSEA/CPADV/Advent.aspx>

Images for Advent : Creative Communications - Protestant

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?SearchTerm=advent>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/ANC/the-long-road-to-christmas.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/TGA7/together-in-advent-kit--advent-family-worship-series.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/CLK/kit-w-cd-child-of-promise.aspx>

Images for Jesus child of promise

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/ON2/one-night-in-bethlehem.aspx>

Images for one night in Bethlehem

https://www.amazon.com/s?ie=UTF8&page=1&rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3AArden%20Mead

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/BNU/unto-us-a-child-is-born-advent-series.aspx>

Images for unto us a child is born

<https://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/KW1/keeping-watch-advent-worship-series.aspx>

<http://www.creativecommunications.com/Products/WE2/while-shepherds-watched.aspx>

https://www.creativecommunications.com/Content/Site174/FilesSamples/157100pdf_00000078976.pdf A Child Is Born In

Bethlehem: A Series of Special Services for Advent

Advent | Description, Meaning, History, & Symbols | Britannica.com

Advent, (Latin: *adventus*, "coming") in the Christian [church calendar](#), the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of [Jesus Christ](#) at [Christmas](#) and also of preparation for the [Second Coming](#) of Christ. In Western churches, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30 ([St. Andrew's Day](#)) and is the beginning of the liturgical year. In many Eastern churches, the [Nativity Fast](#) is a similar period of penance and preparation that occurs during the 40 days before Christmas. The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop [Perpetuus](#) of Tours (461–490) established a [fast](#) before Christmas that began on November 11 ([St. Martin's Day](#)), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

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

Images for Advent | Description, Meaning, History, & Symbols | Britannica.com

Advent Resource Guide - Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/advent-resource-guide/>

<https://www.rca.org/resources/advent>

Images for Advent Resource Guide - Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

Advent - Textweek

www.textweek.com/advent.htm

Images for Advent - Textweek

Advent - Wikipedia

Advent is a season of the [liturgical year](#) observed in many [Christian churches](#) as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the [Nativity of Jesus](#) at [Christmas](#) and the return of Jesus at the [Second Coming](#). Advent is the beginning of the Western [liturgical year](#).



An [acolyte](#) lighting Advent candles

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Saint Nicholas (Greek: Ἅγιος Νικόλαος, *Hagios Nikólaos*, Latin: *Sanctus Nicolaus*); (15 March 270 – 6 December 343),^{[3][4]} also called Nikolaos of Myra, was a historic 4th-century Christian [saint](#) and [Greek](#)^[5] Bishop of [Myra](#) (Demre, part of modern-day Turkey)^[6] in [Lycia](#). Because of the many [miracles](#) attributed to his [intercession](#), he is also known as Nikolaos the Wonderworker (Νικόλαος ὁ Θαυματουργός, *Nikolaos ho Thaumaturgos*). He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, a practice celebrated on his feast day—[St Nicholas Day](#) (6 December in [Western Christianity](#) and 19 December in [Eastern Christianity](#));^[7] and thus became the model for [Santa Claus](#), whose modern name comes from the Dutch [Sinterklaas](#), itself from a series of [elisions](#) and corruptions of the [transliteration](#) of “Saint Nikolaos”. His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints.^[8] In 1087, part of the [relics](#) (about half of the bones) were furtively [translated](#) to [Bari](#), in [Apulia](#), Italy; for this reason, he is also known as Nikolaos of Bari. The remaining bones were taken to [Venice](#) in 1100.

The historical Saint Nicholas is commemorated and revered among [Anglican](#),^[9] [Catholic](#),^[9] [Lutheran](#), and [Orthodox](#) Christians. In addition some [Baptist](#),^[10] [Methodist](#),^[11] [Presbyterian](#),^[12] and [Reformed](#) churches have been named in honor of Saint Nicholas.^[13] Saint Nicholas is the [patron saint](#) of sailors, merchants, [archers](#), repentant thieves, children, [pawnbrokers](#) and students in various cities and countries around Europe. He was also a patron of the [Varangian Guard](#) of the [Byzantine emperors](#), who protected his relics in Bari.



The dowry for the three virgins (Gentile da Fabriano, c. 1425, Pinacoteca Vaticana, Rome).

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Commemorations in Advent

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A bishop who gave to the poor: St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6 | The Lutheran

[St. Andrew Lutheran Church](#), Parsippany, N.J., in 2012 returned Santa Claus to his roots by bringing St. Nicholas to life. Member George Uhlman, whose trimmed gray beard made him look like the Greek icon of St. Nicholas, came down the aisle dressed as Santa. With his red hat and fur cuffs, the children had no trouble identifying him. But they were told Santa didn't always look the way he does today. With good humor and appropriate background music, Uhlman removed the Santa clothes and was "redressed" as St. Nicholas, the bishop, with an alb, stole, cope, crosier (pastoral staff), miter and three gold balls. Instead of a sermon, he took his place in his cathedra (a chair in front of the sanctuary) to answer questions from www.stnicholascenter.org about his life and legends. His most important message: "There is no St. Nicholas without our Lord Jesus, the greatest gift that God has given to the world. So, let all the stories about Santa, Father Christmas or St. Nicolas begin and end in Bethlehem and the birth of a child in a humble stable."

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Candles in her hair, food in her hands: St. Lucia Day, Dec. 13 | The Lutheran

Gretchen Revay Esping's claim to fame is that she was, at age 13, the first St. Lucia in Lindsborg, Kan. Her father, a metal smith, made her crown, which is still worn today.

The crown has remained the same, but Esping is amazed how much has changed 52 years later. The administrative assistant of Bethany Lutheran Church is a wealth of St. Lucia information.

Traditionally, St. Lucia is celebrated in homes, with the eldest daughter bringing coffee to the family and wearing a crown of candles to usher in the season of light.

Esping did that as a child, too (carrying a candle), but remembers in later years when the Swedish Folkdancers and Bethany began celebrating the day in the community. Now it is a full-fledged festival on the Saturday nearest Dec. 13 in this town famously founded by Swedes.

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Mary & mariachi music

Virgin of Guadalupe, Dec. 1

When [Trinity of Manhattan \[N.Y.\] Lutheran Church](#) started celebrating the Virgin of Guadalupe, it was both early in the day and at a Spanish-speaking worship service nearest that day (Dec. 12).

Several years ago, Spanish-speaking worshipers decided to move their Guadalupe service to a morning bilingual worship to share the tradition with Anglos and African-Americans, who also make up Trinity's congregation.

The day commemorates the vision and miracle when a girl appeared to peasant Juan Diego on a hill outside of Mexico City with instructions to build a temple on the site. When he delivered the message to the local bishop, roses not native to the area fell from Diego's cloak and an image of the Virgin Mary was impressed on the simple garment.

The first part of Trinity's celebration, Las Mananitas, occurs at 6 a.m. on Dec. 12. Worshipers leave roses at the altar. They sing songs to Mary, enjoy Mexican sweetbread and a rice drink, and go on to work or school. The full worship service with flowers and lighting candles often falls on the third Sunday of Advent, said Heidi Neumark, pastor—perfect for the Isaiah 35 reading regarding flowers blooming in the desert. Because mariachi bands are in great demand (and of great expense) on that day, members put together their own group for "lots of music, food and dancing," she said. Last year the children acted out the Virgin of Guadalupe story. "The 'ignorant' peasant layman was given a word to evangelize the church ... like the shepherds of the Christmas story who the angels entrusted with the message of Jesus' birth," Neumark said in her explanation of why Lutherans can, and do, celebrate this day. "The Guadalupe is a biblical message. As such it belongs to all Christians."

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=12325

Images for Virgin of Guadalupe, Dec. 1

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

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

Searching for shelter: Las Posadas, Dec. 19 | The Lutheran

In the Pico-Union District of Central Los Angeles, where 85 percent of the population is Latino, Angelica Lutheran Church members will walk the streets of their neighborhood Dec. 19 looking for shelter for "Mary and Joseph."

They have been re-enacting this Mexican-American Advent tradition for 20 years. Celebrated in Central and South America over nine nights, this has been a tradition for hundreds of years. Carlos Paiva, pastor of Angelica, said it has become outreach for the church, which is surrounded by neighbors who remember *posada* (lodging) from their home countries.

After searching for *posada* and being turned away, the crowd, along with Joseph and Mary riding a (fake) donkey, arrive at the church where someone eventually says, "Yes, come in."

"Everyone comes in, we rejoice, we have a piñata, tamales and other festive food," Paiva said. "Finally, Mary and Joseph have found *posada*."

Mary is chosen from among the first communion or confirmation classes, he said, and is usually 13 or 14 years old, and must be able to ride the donkey, which is on wheels and is pulled down the streets.

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Images for Searching for shelter: Las Posadas, Dec. 19 | The Lutheran

Sunday school presents The Twelve Days of Christmas: The Meaning Behind the Song on December 20

Bring the grandpas and grandmas and the rest of the relatives and friends when our Sunday school children present "The Twelve Days of Christmas: The Meaning Behind the Song." The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, December 25 and Epiphany, January 6, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

The song was written in England during a time of religious persecution as kind of "secret catechism" to help young Christians learn important parts of their faith. Each element is a code word for a religious truth. Our children will dramatize this song to help us learn the meaning of the faith. This is one event during the season you will not want to miss. Pass the word.

The Origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas – Advent & Christmas Season - Catholic Online

The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

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Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! A Musical for Christmas - Augsburg Fortress

Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! was written to be performed by children's choirs of all ages, large and small. The story line of this musical tells the Christmas story from the point of view of the stars, angels, shepherds and kings. The entire musical may be performed by one choir of varied ages or by multiple choirs in a graded choir program. It could also be performed by children from Sunday school classes.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/1746/Stars-Angels-Shepherds-Kings-Complete-Score>

Images for Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings! A Musical for Christmas - Augsburg Fortress

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The Wonder: A Christmas Program for Children - Augsburg Fortress

Experience the story of Ben, the dreamy son of a Bethlehem innkeeper, who helps his father and us, as well, see the wonder of the baby born in a manger. Designed for optional intergenerational talent, *The Wonder* seeks to involve children, youth, and adults in the Christmas story. Through drama and song, the program presents the nativity as seen through the eyes of two children of the time.

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/6847/The-Wonder-A-Christmas-Program-for-Children>

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From the Pastor

In Christ's Name, Welcome

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

During this upcoming season of the year, we anticipate the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. God's Son comes into the world as a small child to a young woman. Often the season is characterized by peace and goodwill. The question is: "Can the spirit of the Christmas time be with us throughout the whole year?" In the case of Jesus, his parents could not find room in the inn. Jesus was born in the manger. How is Christ received today? Is there room in our hearts and lives for him?

One of the characteristics of alive and vibrant congregations is a climate of hospitality, enthusiasm, and joy. Those who have been welcomed into God's family through Christ Jesus are called to express that same welcome to others. Such a climate attracts others into the fellowship of God's people. They can feel the warmth and want to be part of it.

In congregations living out a spirit of welcome, each person is made to feel important. Everybody is somebody where the gift of the Christ child is received with thanksgiving and joy. The time of Christmas will come and go again this year, but it is hoped that the spirit of the Christ child will remain with us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Longest Night: A Service of Longing and Hope at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension on December 23, 5:30pm

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 10610 North California Avenue, will host the Longest Night Worship Service this year. This is a joint effort with (name) Lutheran and (name) United Methodist. The community is invited!

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A Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort and Hope offered at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on December 1

For people who experience seasonal sadness because of the death of a loved one or other factors, St. John's Lutheran Church pastoral staff and the Caring Ministries invite you to "A Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort and Hope" at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 1 at the church, 1804 Highland Ave. in Eau Claire.

Through music, Scripture, candle-lighting, prayer and quiet reflection, the service will allow people to come together, acknowledging their pain and brokenness, and be reminded of God's promises of hope, healing and peace.

Refreshments, conversation and fellowship will follow.

Call Pastor Nathan Aaseng or Pastor Christine Emerson at [715-834-9571](tel:715-834-9571) for more information.

http://www.nwswi.org/news_and_events/

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[Images for Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort and Hope](#)

Blue Christmas/Longest Night: A Service of Longing and Hope on or Near the Winter Solstice

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Blue Christmas – 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

The Rev. Neil P. Harrison - Program Director, Congregational Renewal - ELCA Domestic Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 8765 W Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631-4101 - Phone: 800/638-3522 ext. 2667 or 773/380-2667; Fax: 773/380-2632

Neil.Harrison@elca.org

[Images for Blue Christmas – Service of Worship](#)

[Images for Pastor Nancy Nyland, Director for Evangelical Mission](#)

<https://iksynod.org/staff/rev-nancy-nyland/>

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[Images for Blue Christmas – Service of Worship](#)

Blue Christmas: Special service offers holiday hope for the hurting - The Lutheran Magazine

Christmas is a joyful time, but not for those grieving lost loved ones and failed relationships or fighting loneliness and depression. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Shively, Ky., offers holiday hope for the hurting with a Blue Christmas service.

"People have lost jobs, or they may have just moved into the community and don't know anyone yet," said Shirley Ross-Jones, pastor of St. Paul. "For a lot of people who've battled depression all year long, it certainly becomes a lot more exacerbated at the holiday time."

While society expects us to be joyfully absorbed with Christmas shopping and party planning, people burdened by sadness feel increasingly isolated at this time of year, she said. "At Christmas, the losses can become a lot more difficult to deal with," she added.

Ross-Jones' empathy stems from experience. In 1991 her husband of 24 years, Bob, was killed in a snowmobile accident.

That first difficult Christmas without him, she and her children, Amy and Matthew, then 19 and 16, decided to forgo festivities and spend a quiet holiday at home together. Decision made, she felt immediate relief: "It was like, we don't have to go out and put smiles on our faces and pretend we're happy now that it's Christmas."

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=6207

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Blue Christmas: Worship Offering Comfort and Hope

Blue Christmas worship offering comfort and hope will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 1pm in the chapel at First Lutheran Church. For some, this may be a difficult time of year. Feelings of sorrow, grief, and loss due to a loved one's death, a job loss, a broken relationship, a loss of physical health, or any of the other challenges that life may bring are often accentuated during this season of celebration and merriment. This special worship during Advent offers a time of quiet worship including music, scripture, candle lighting, prayer, and Holy Communion. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

Come... by yourself, with a loved one, as a family, invite someone who is hurting. Come... to hear the good news that the Christ of Christmas, the Light of the world, continues to enter into our lives being especially present with us in our darkness and pain granting us hope and healing, comfort and peace.

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[Images for Blue Christmas Worship Offering Comfort and Hope](#)

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Longest Night: Blue Christmas Eve Prayer

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Images for Longest Night: Blue Christmas Eve

Longest Night Service - YouTube

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley will be holding their Longest Night Service on Friday, December 18 at 7pm.

The evening is a peaceful and contemplative church service away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuTSXTRA2ZQ>

Images for Longest Night Service - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wyawpbXsko> THE LONGEST NIGHT (A Winter Service of Hope and Healing) - Joseph M. Martin - YouTube

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Have a Mary Christmas

4AdventB (Luke 1:26-38) and 4AdventC (Luke 1:39-45) offer Mary's Song of Praise for the gospel reading.

A Friar's Life: Have a Mary Christmas!

HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 18, 2011:

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Christmas Sunday

A Matthew 1:18-25 Commentary by Ron Allen - Working Preacher got me thinking more intentionally about what I had previously considered intuitively. One of the congregations I served that year had their Sunday school program as part of the service of worship in place of the sermon. At the other congregation, I preached on the birth announcement from Matthew 1:18-25.

Gathering Song	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Hymn of the Day	Let All Together Praise Our God
Offering Song	What Child is This
Sending Song	Of the Father's Love Begotten

Matthew 1:18-25 Commentary by Ron Allen - Working Preacher

Strictly speaking, the Fourth Sunday of Advent is the last Sunday in the season of preparation for celebrating the first advent (coming) and anticipating the second advent (apocalypse, second coming).

However, some congregations effectively regard today as "Christmas Sunday." While liturgical purists bemoan this development, it has something to commend it. The worshipping community that gathers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent is likely made up primarily of the local congregation whereas on Christmas Eve and Day, the worshipping community includes many visitors, while many regulars are themselves visiting elsewhere.

https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3092

Images for Christmas Sunday

Invite Others to Christmas Services with You!

Are you having company for Christmas? Do you know someone who does not have a church home? Be sure to invite them to worship God come into human flesh in the person of Jesus. Even as shepherds could not contain themselves in telling others what they had heard, you are encouraged to share the Christmas spirit with those about you!

December 24 Christmas Eve services @ 2, 4, and 9pm

December 25 Christmas Day service @ 10am

Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Resources

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - Felix Just, SJ

A formal "Proclamation of the Birth of Christ" is traditionally chanted or recited near the beginning of the Christmas Midnight Mass and/or during the Liturgy of the Hours on Christmas Eve. The text, which comes from the "Roman Martyrology" for December 24, situates the birth of Jesus Christ within the context of salvation history. It begins with the creation of the world, mentions certain key events in the history of the people of Israel, and concludes with the birth of Jesus during the Roman Era.

<http://old.usccb.org/liturgy/christmasproclamation.pdf>

Images for Proclamation of the Birth of Christ – Felix Just, SJ

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - Sundays & Seasons

The services on Christmas Eve may begin with the proclamation of the birth of Christ, taken from the ancient martyrology. The proclamation should be understood as the announcement of the incarnation within human history rather than a literal counting of years. The proclamation may be read or sung on one note by a leader standing at the entrance to the church. Following the proclamation, the gathering song is begun.

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Images for Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - Sundays & Seasons

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - Wikipedia

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ, Kalenda Proclamation, or Christmas Proclamation, is a chant sung before the Christmas midnight mass in the [Roman Rite](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). Its verses constitute a timeline in which each verse represents the years from an historical event, either secular or religious, to birth of [Jesus Christ](#), and the number of years—expressed in centuries or years—decreases until the day of the first Christmas.

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

Images for Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

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Christmas Proclamation

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The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the Roman Martyrology (Christmas Proclamation) - YouTube

"The Roman Martyrology for Christmas day contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the proclamation help to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation

history." This Proclamation is sung by a monk of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. Visit the Abbey on the web at: stbernardabbey.com.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzmX1eo1P8Q>

Images for Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwGSdZqURGk> Proclamation of the Birth of Christ - YouTube

Gathering Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Call to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9: 2 - re:Worship

<http://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/call-to-worship-isaiah-9-2.html>

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Prayer of the day

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Song

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Song

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

Gospel

Luke 2:1-7

Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gospel

Luke 2:8-20

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation of Faith: Christmas Eve - re:Worship

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Prayers

Offering

Offering Song

What Child Is This

Gospel of the Incarnation John 1:1-14

Candlelight Song

Silent Night, Holy Night

Sending Song

Joy to the World

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<http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/pohg/s4b.html> Promise of his Glory: Christmas - Oremus

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Christmas Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols - YouTube

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Images for Christmas Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUXCzElxDYw> Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols - 12/24/17 - YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjdS689CcL4> Brown's 100th Service of Lessons and Carols - YouTube

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ [See Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve]

Gathering Song Angels from the Realms of Glory

Canticle of Praise The First Noel

Welcoming the Gospel Good Christian Friends, Rejoice sts 1-2

Celebrating the Gospel Good Christian Friends, Rejoice st 3

Hymn of the Day Let Our Gladness Have No End

Profession of Faith *Small Catechism* of Martin Luther. The Creed. The Second Article.

Sending Song Go Tell It on the Mountain

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day Services

Resources

From Heaven Above: A Service for Christmas Day - Sundays and Seasons.com

Martin Luther based his carol "From heaven above" (ELW 268, LBW 51) on a refrain used for a sixteenth-century singing game. In the game, the song sets up a riddle to be solved. Within the nativity story, who would have proclaimed this text?

"From heaven above to earth I come

to bear good news to every home!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring

to all the world, and gladly sing."

In the hymn, the stanzas in quotation marks become the words of the angels rejoicing at Jesus' birth, while the other stanzas offer commentary and prayers. By sending Jesus into our world, God answers the riddle of sin and our human condition. We are set free to proclaim with the angels: "Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given."

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Images for From Heaven Above: A Service for Christmas Day – Sundays and Seasons.com

Nativity - Textweek

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Presbyterian Mission Agency Nativity of the Lord/Christmas | The Word became flesh

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Images for Christmas Worship Resource Index – re:Worship

Decorating the Christmas Tree

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 nyland@iksynod.org

The Rev. Neil P. Harrison - Program Director, Congregational Renewal - ELCA Domestic Mission - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 8765 W Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631-4101 - Phone: 800/638-3522 ext. 2667 or 773/380-2667; Fax: 773/380-2632
Neil.Harrison@elca.org

Images for Decorating the Church Christmas Tree

Doxology for Advent or Christmas-What Child Is This

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Lessons and Carols for Christmas

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Lord's Prayer sung to Away in a Manger

<http://www.sandprairielutheran.org/lords-prayer-sung-to-away-in-a-manger.html>

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LORD' PRAYER: (Sung to the tune of "It Came upon the Midnight Clear")

[PDF] Bulletin for December 5, 2010 - Grace United Methodist Church

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7 Ways to Rethink Your Christmas Services to Engage Unchurched People - Carey Nieuwhof

As much as we angle every weekend as a great opportunity to bring your unchurched friends, there is simply no other time like Christmas. People who never go to church will go to church at Christmas.

Connect well with them, and you will see some back in January. Offer up a predictable or uninspiring service, and they will all be gone again until next year (or never come back), unchanged, uninspired and still, unreachd.

So here are a few things we've done to try to connect with unchurched people that have helped.

<https://careynieuwhof.com/7-ways-rethink-christmas-services-connect-unchurched-people/>

Images for Rethink Your Christmas Services to Engage Unchurched People - Carey Nieuwhof

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Preparing for Christmas

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Synod Resource Center - Worship, Music and Art

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/wma/> Worship/Christmas

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The Nativity Story - Wikipedia

The story begins in the Roman province of Judea with the portrayal of the Massacre of the Innocents in the Nativity. The remainder of the film portrays the annunciation and birth of Jesus Christ to explain why King Herod the Great (Ciarán Hinds) ordered the murder.

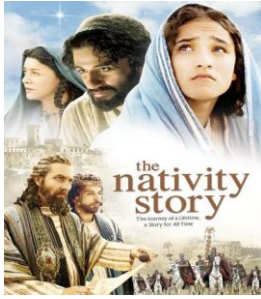
One year before the massacre, Zechariah (Stanley Townsend), a rabbi in Jerusalem, is making an offering, when he is told in a vision by the Archangel Gabriel (Alexander Siddig) that his wife, Elizabeth (Shohreh Aghdashloo), will bear a son. Zechariah does not believe him, stating that he is too old, and Gabriel tells him that he will be unable to speak until the boy is born.

In Nazareth, 14-year-old Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) is farming when soldiers come to collect taxes. One man, unable to pay, has a third of his land seized and his daughter pressed into debt slavery. Mary, betrothed to marry 32-year-old Joseph of Judaea (Oscar Isaac), is visited by Archangel Gabriel and told that she will become pregnant with God's son, whom she is to name "Jesus". He tells her that God has blessed her cousin Elizabeth with a child despite her old age. Mary visits her before the harvest, where she witnesses the birth of John the Baptist to Elizabeth and Zechariah, who regains his speech. Mary returns from the visit pregnant, to the shock of Joseph and her parents, who fear that Joseph will accuse her of adultery, a sin punishable by death by stoning according to the Torah. At first Joseph does not believe Mary's religious explanation, but decides not to accuse her. Still shocked and angry, he is later visited in a dream by the Archangel Gabriel, who tells him of God's plan for Mary's son. Finally believing, he is ashamed of his earlier doubts.

Meanwhile, Roman emperor Caesar Augustus has demanded that every man across the Roman Empire return with his family to his place of birth for the census. A direct descendant of King David, Joseph is forced to travel 110 kilometers (68 mi) across Palestine's rocky terrain from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the place of his birth. With Mary on a donkey laden with supplies, it takes the couple nearly four weeks to reach Bethlehem. Upon arriving in town, Mary goes into labour, and Joseph frantically seeks a place for her to deliver. There is, however, no room in any inn or home because of the crowds arriving for the census, but at the last minute an innkeeper offers his stable for shelter.

Meanwhile, three Magi—Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (Stefan Kalipha, Nadim Sawalha and Eriq Ebouaney)—travel towards Judaea after having previously discovered that three planets will align to form a great star. This Star of Bethlehem appears before the Magi, after a visit by the Archangel Gabriel. The Magi visit Herod and reveal to him that the Messiah is still a child and he will be a Messiah "for the lowest of men to the highest of kings." Shocked by this, Herod asks that they visit the newborn Messiah and report the child's location back to him, under the pretence that he, too, would like to worship him, while in fact he plans to kill the baby for fear of a new king taking his throne. The Magi arrive at the stable where Mary is giving birth to Jesus, and they present the Infant with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Suspicious of his intentions, the Magi avoid Herod, returning home via a different route. Herod realises that the Magi have tricked him and orders the death of every boy in Bethlehem under the age of two. Joseph is warned in a dream of the danger and flees to Egypt with Mary and Jesus as the film ends.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Nativity_Story
 Images for Nativity Story

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Resources

Holy Innocents - The Lectionary Page

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/HolyDays/HolyInno.html>

Images for Holy Innocents - The Lectionary Page

Massacre of the Innocents - Wikipedia

The Massacre of the Innocents is the biblical narrative of **infanticide** by **Herod the Great**, the Roman-appointed King of the **Jews**. According to the **Gospel of Matthew**,^[1] Herod ordered the execution of all young male children in the vicinity of **Bethlehem**, so as to avoid the loss of his throne to a newborn King of the Jews whose birth had been announced to him by the **Magi**. In typical Matthean style, it is understood as the fulfillment of an **Old Testament** prophecy:^[2] "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through **Jeremiah** the prophet, saying, 'A voice is heard in **Ramah**, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.'"^[3]



Cornelis van Haarlem, *Massacre of the Innocents*, 1590, Rijksmuseum

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

Images for Massacre of the Innocents

Matthew's Version of the Incarnation, Part 2 by David Lose - Working Preacher

This story matters because it tells us the truth: the sometimes difficult truth of **unjust rulers and violence and private grief and personal pain** and all the rest. But, also, the always hopeful truth that God has not stood back at a distance, but in Jesus has joined God's own self to our story and is working - even now, even here - to grant us new life that we may not just endure but flourish, experiencing resurrection joy and courage in our daily lives and sharing our hope with others.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=2973>

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The Holy Innocents, Martyrs - Textweek

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The Holy Innocents Sermon by William Mouser- Sermon Central

Summary: This jarring episode is just as much a part of the Christmas season as the manger scene. Though grim, the fate of the Innocents shows us how and why we share the hope they had in Christ's second advent. Scripture: **Matthew 2:13-2:18**

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Images for Holy Innocents Sermon

Post High School Student Recognition on December 26

The Christmas season is a time to welcome our students back home from college and other institutions of higher learning. A special invitation is extended to our students and their families to come to the post high school student recognition on December 26. One of our students who is a freshman in college will give a student recognition message. This worship service offers an opportunity for the gathered worship assembly to affirm and encourage our students in their ongoing pursuit of higher education. A reception will be hosted by the Congregational Life Committee in the fellowship hall between services.

Invitation to Students

Dear

Greetings from your home congregation! We want you to know that we are thinking of you as you are engaged in your post high school studies.

We are planning a special Post High School Student Recognition Service for our worship on Sunday, December 26. A reception will be offered between services. You are invited to be present for this service!

An important part of personal growth and development includes the spiritual discipline. I hope that you have found a faith community with which to worship and fellowship. When you do come home, please join us for worship and fellowship.

Again, I am glad that you are using the abilities God has given to you in acquiring new knowledge and skills. I wish you the very best in your continuing education.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 26 for our Post High School Student Recognition Worship!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Lowell Bolstad

Gathering Music I Need a Silent Night as sung by Amy Grant

[I Need a Silent Night Amy Grant - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRSSsNbF29I>

<http://www.metrolyrics.com/i-need-a-silent-night-lyrics-amy-grant.html>

Images for I Need a Silent Night Amy Grant

Gathering Song

Let All Together Praise Our God

Special Music

Take a Walk through Bethlehem as sung by Trisha Yearwood

[Take A Walk Through Bethlehem - Trisha Yearwood - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMsl0dNKPpc>

<http://www.amazon.com/Take-A-Walk-Through-Bethlehem/dp/B000W2748M>

Images for Take A Walk Through Bethlehem – Trisha Yearwood

Hymn of the Day

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

Offering Song

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Sending Song

All My Heart Again Rejoices

Prayer of the Day

Post High School Student Recognition Litany

Almighty God, the source of trust and wisdom, we pray this day for all who are engaged in the pursuit of education. May those who teach and those who learn be moved to appreciate the goodness of your creation and to thrill to the wonders and mysteries of your gift of life.

Fill our hearts with your love, O Lord.

We pray that you will bless all our post high school institutions of higher learning with your spirit of knowledge and understanding, that true learning will be experienced, marked not merely by accumulation of data, but by the shaping of attitudes in harmony with your will.

Open our minds to your truth, O Lord.

Bless those who are students with a zeal and eagerness to grow and to learn, and grant that they may regard all of life as a precious trust from you to be lived to the fullest and offered to you with gratitude and praise.

Lift our souls to give thanks, O Lord.

Inspire us to develop all knowledge and to use all skills for the purpose of bringing benefit and blessing to others so that we may not neglect the needs of a world crying out in hunger and fear.

Make us strong in your service, O Lord.

Assist us in recognizing that wisdom begins with reverence for you, and may your grace enable us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Division for College and University Services. The American Lutheran Church. 422 S. 5th St. Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Post High School Student Recognition Message

[A student at one of the congregations I served gave the following message.]

Good morning everyone. After having an incredibly busy first semester of college, I was ecstatic to finally get to come home, where I get to see my family and friends, and where I don't have to write a five-page paper due on Monday, which I have one paragraph done. I think almost all students can agree that we all love the feeling of coming home, the feeling of taking a break and enjoying all the comforts and that is exactly how I feel when I come back to my home congregation.

This congregation has created my solid base of my faith, and without this second home I would not be the person I am today.

Here, I learned forgiveness and acceptance, and that I learned I need to love everyone. I learned all of these invaluable life lessons and more not only from Sunday school, confirmation, and sermons, but also from the loving congregation that sits here today. I know almost all of the students who grew up in these walls will also say that the warmth they learned here has led them all through their lives. And for that, for helping me to grow up learning such love, I want to truly say thank you.

Having my faith at college has helped me in so many ways: keeping me on the right track and learning to accept others. I am absolutely loving college. Next year I plan to study abroad in Scotland. Then I plan to obtain a degree in elementary education.

Then I hope to work as a missionary in Africa and afterwards move to Alaska to teach. Without this congregation, I would not have these hopes. Thank you.

[A student at another congregations I served gave a message from which the following excerpt is cited.]

I feel blessed in the faith journey that I have been on for the past twenty years. I was brought up in a family both immediate and extended that holds high values and have taught me the importance of praying and coming to church. My parents had me baptized in this church two months after I was born. As early as I can remember, I recall coming to church weekly and sitting on the right side usually three or four pews up and sitting with Grandpa Hovey and my parents. Praying before meals is something of routine in our family. Since before the age of ten, we say the Norwegian table prayer and a traditional table prayer. This tradition has traveled to both sides of my family.

What Child Is This

Students at one congregation I served did a [The Plays We Perform | Messiah's Minnesota Minutemen](#) reader's theatre of *What Child Is This* based on the Gospel lesson for the First Sunday of Christmas A – Matthew 2:13-23 specifically written for that day by a friend of one of the students from the congregation.

Resources

[PDF] [A 12 Month Guide for Congregations that Care for Students](#)

<http://www.luther-house.org/publications/downloads/12monthguide.pdf>

Images for Guide for Congregations that Care for Students

[PDF] [To Love Our Academic Neighbor - LuMin :: Lutheran Campus Ministry](#)

<https://lumin-network.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Handout-To-Love-Our-Academic-Neighbor.pdf>

Images for Lutheran Campus Ministry

New Years

Resources

[Ministry Matters™ | Watchnight \(New Year's Eve\)](#)

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3452/watchnight-new-years-eve>

Images for Watchnight (New Year's Eve)

[New Year | Reformed Worship](#)

<https://www.reformedworship.org/department/new-year>

Images for New Year | Reformed Worship

[New Year - Textweek](#)

<http://www.textweek.com/festivals/newyear.htm>

Images for New Year - Textweek

[New Year's Service Resources – WORSHIP](#)

<https://worship.welsrc.net/download-worship/new-years-service-resources/>

Images for New Year's Service Resources

[New Year's Worship Resource Index - re:Worship](#)

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/new-years-worship-resource-index.html>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/index-listing.html> [New Year's Worship Resource Index](#)

Images for New Year's Worship Resource Index – re:Worship

[Watch Night/New Year's Eve Resources – Discipleship Ministries: The United Methodist Church](#)

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/watch-nightnew-years-eve-resources>

Images for Watch Night/New Year's Eve

[Watchnight service - Wikipedia](#)

A watchnight service is a late-night [Christian church service](#). In many different [Christian traditions](#), such as those of Baptists, Methodists and Pentecostals, watchnight services are held late on [New Year's Eve](#), and ends after midnight. This provides the opportunity for Christians to review the year that has passed and [make confession](#), and then prepare for the year ahead by [praying](#) and [resolving](#).^[1] The [services](#) often include singing, praying, exhorting, and [preaching](#).^[2]

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

Images for Watchnight service

[PDF] [watch night - The African American Lectionary](#)

http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/WatchNight_WR_Dec3109.pdf

Images for watch night - The African American Lectionary