

Worship at First: Four Fold Pattern of Worship
August 19, 2009, 6:30 pm

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Review: Lutheran Principles of Worship

- #1 God gathers the faithful into the Church.
- #2 God gives the Church the Means of Grace which are the Word and the sacraments.
- #3 Worship is the experience where the faithful experience the Means of Grace.
- #4 The Word of God is Jesus Christ incarnate which is experienced in Scripture and preaching.
- #5 The sacraments of Baptism and Communion are the visible Word of God.
- #6 God gave us the arts which serve the Means of Grace.
- #7 God provides freedom in all matters outside of the Means of Grace.
- #8 Worship is relational and participatory.
- #9 Worship leads the faithful into prayer
- #10 Worship leads to mission.
- #11 Worship connects us to other Christians
- #12 Worship has a pattern

Four Fold Pattern of Worship

Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending

Rehearsal for Life

Practicing Christian Living
Understanding God's Pattern for Life

Gathering

Rehearsing for Life through Gathering
Time to Gather together in God's House
Time to Focus and Center ourselves
Time to Get our Head and Heart upon God
Time to Prepare Ourselves for Word and Table
Time to Go Deeper into this Holy Moment

Key Elements:

Welcome, Announcements, Invocation, Apostolic Greeting, Processional Cross, Confession, Opening Hymn, Kyrie/Spoken Litany, Prayer of the Day

Other places we gather in Life:

Work, Home, School, Gatherings of Friends/Family, Coffee Shop

Gathering Rite Reminds Us of How to Live

Welcome

Greet Those Around Us

Announcements

Remind Ourselves of our Shared Tasks

Invocation

Remind Ourselves God is in Every Moment

Hymn

Praising and Lifting Up those Around Us

Confession

Take Responsibility for your Relationships

Kyrie

Go Deeper into What Experience is Before You

Prayer of Day

Pray for your Needs in that Moment

Word

Rehearsing for Life through Word

Time to Hear God's Word in Scripture

Time to Hear God's Word connected to our Lives

Time to Respond to God's Word

Key Elements:

Biblical Readings: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, Gospel

Sermons, Creed, Prayer of the Church, Hymn/Song of the Day, Offering, The Peace

Word Reminds Us of How to Live

Biblical Readings

Engaged in Scripture Daily Lectionary

Sermon

God is still speaking in our own day and age

Through Others or You

Is your life a good or bad sermon?

Creed

Confession: God through Word and Deed

Do your actions reflect your faith in the Holy Trinity

Offering

Recognition that everything is the Lord's
Action of gratitude and faith
We offer ourselves in service to God

The Peace

Counter Cultural Response to the World
What we bring to our homes, workplaces and community

Table

Rehearsing for Life at the Table

Time to Gather at the Table

Time to Eat at the Table

Visible Word of God: Word mixed with Bread and Wine

Key Elements

*Offering Prayer, Eucharistic Dialogue, Eucharistic Prayer, Lord's Prayer,
Distribution, Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

Table Reminds Us How to Live

Offering Prayer

Perspective: God provides for us

Eucharistic Dialog/Prayer

Reminds us of God's love of Creation

Finite can hold the Infinite/Bread & Wine – Body & Blood

Distribution

Eat Up Life: Enjoy Life!

Live by faith

Lord's Prayer

Centering Prayer

Small Catechism

We are a people who receive and share God's grace

Life, Forgiveness and Salvation

Tables of Life

Kitchen Table, Cafeteria Table,

Conference Room Table, Coffee Shop Table

We sit at the Tables of home, school, work and community

Learn Table Manners from the Lord's Table

Sending

Rehearsing for Life through Sending

Time to live the faith at home, work and community

Time to reflect the liturgy every place we journey

Key Elements

Benediction, Recessional Hymn, Centrality of Cross, Dismissal

Sending Reminds Us How to Live

God's Hands, Feet, Mind, Heart for the World

Sent out to put in practice what we have done together in this past hour

Time for Rehearsal is nearly over – time to serve is upon us

We take the cross to Geneseo and beyond

Questions

Next Time

August 26, 2009, 6:30pm

Implications for First Lutheran Church's Worship Life