

Worship

Continuing the Relationship

As you arrive, please:

- Turn off and put away any phones/electronic devices
- Answer the first question in today's class time:
"What is worship?"

What is Worship?

Response of the *creature* to the *Creator*

How do we define “the Creator?”

“He who revealed himself in Jesus Christ and makes Himself known through the Holy Spirit”

What is Christian Worship?

Reception of the Means of Grace (What God gives):

- *Baptism, Absolution, Word, Holy Communion*

Mankind's Response (What we do, in faith):

- *Prayer, Praise, Confession of Faith, Thanksgiving*
- *Note: These responses aren't just an "in church" thing...*

What Does this Look Like (Terms)?

“Historical” – using what the church has developed over its nearly 2,000 year history (3,000 years if you include the Psalms of David...)

“Contemporary” – using forms developed more recently

“Traditional” – depends on where you are, this can mean many things... “What we’ve always done!”

“Liturgical” – a routine “order” for the service

“Non-Liturgical” – different every time

Where in the Bible do we get guidelines on Christian worship?

Old Testament:

Exodus 13 (The Passover Festival), 23 (Other Festivals)

Deuteronomy 16-17 (Passover, Festivals, Forbidden Worship)

1 Chronicles 16 (Tell the Story of God's saving work & SING)

2 Chronicles 15 (Seek only Yahweh and live!)

The Book of Psalms (The Prayers & Songs of Israel)

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New Testament:

Luke 4 (Jesus in Synagogue: Reading & Instruction on Sabbath)

1 Corinthians 10-14 (Unity through Fellowship in the Supper, Order in singing and teaching)

1 Timothy 4 (Public Reading of Scripture, Exhortation, Teaching)

Hebrews 10:25 (Keep meeting together!)

The Divine Service

In Worship, God serves us! Our worship form at Peace *generally* follows the form of the historic Divine Service. We will now examine this service and see how God does this:

In Lutheran Service Book:

Open to page 151. Mark with one ribbon.

Open to Hymn #585. Mark with another ribbon.