

Worship: Why We Do What We Do
Part One
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Welcome/Prayer

Definition of Christian Worship

Christ Centered Celebration
Revelation and Response
God / Human Relationship of Service
Epiphany of the Church
Glorification of God and the Sanctification of Human

God's Focus

3rd Commandment: Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy
Humanity Suffers from Memory Loss
We forget God and his ways
Replace it with ourselves
Worship is cure for our memory loss
Remember God in worship on the sabbath

Definition of the Church

Augsburg Confession, Article VII:
*"The Church is the assembly of saints in which the gospel is taught
purely and the sacraments are administered rightly."*
Church is that place where the Word is preached and the sacraments
are given
Worship is central to our Lutheran identity

Assembly of Saints

Need to be communal – need to be together
That's why our separation is hard
We were made to worship and live together
Brought together for a reason – Mission of Christ

Gather around Means of Grace

Way Jesus meets us now: Word and Sacrament

Life, Forgiveness Salvation

Word

Jesus Christ

Proclamation of Law and Gospel

Old and New Testament

C2.02 – Model Constitution ELCA

Sacraments

Visible Word of God: Baptism and Eucharist

Incarnation Centered:

Divine into the Ordinary

Immortal into the Mortal

Sacred into the Everyday

God's Name – Water

Words of Institution – Bread and Wine

Holy Week Driven

Maundy Thursday

Centrality of the Meal: Holy Communion

Good Friday

Centrality of the Cross: Holy Baptism

Easter

Centrality of Resurrection: Word of God

Worship on the first day of the week – Day of Resurrection

Adiaphora

Latin for *“that which does not pertain to salvation”*

Freedom in Worship

Musical Styles, Expressions

Worship must be participatory

Liturgy means *“the work of the people”* in Greek

Interactive and Participatory

Speak, Sing, Pray, Eat, Greet

Worship must be contextual

Reflection of the Community

Speak to the people of a given time and place

Understandable and engaging

Worship must be missional

Direct us outward, beyond ourselves

Lead individuals and communities to God centered existences

Means of Grace lead us to service

Rehearsal for Life

Practicing Christian Living

Prayer

Word

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Blessing

What we experience in liturgy is what we should embody in life

Four Fold Pattern of Liturgy: Very Old Pattern

Gathering

Word

Meal

Sending

Next Time: Gathering

Closing Prayer