

IGNITE: Liturgy & Worship Course

Course Description:

Worship stands at the center of the Christian life – as the point where God’s people bring the whole of their lives to Christ with thanksgiving and receive edification and nourishment through the Word and Sacraments. Liturgy comprises the aspects of worship that enable and support this exchange through speech, action, and method.

This course will focus upon the Church’s liturgy from a Lutheran perspective in relationship to the Bible, history, Church teachings, and leadership.

Rationale / Objectives:

- to deepen understanding of the Liturgy through biblical, historical, theological, and cultural influences within worship and the Christian life
- to deepen understanding of the Liturgy’s structure and liturgical resources
- to gain insight into the churches / contexts in which we worship the Triune God
- to experience worship leadership as a presider, assisting minister, reader

Required Texts:

1) *The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Vol 1*

Lorraine S. Brugh & Gordon W. Lathrop (Augsburg Fortress, 2008)

ISBN: 978-1506425108

*Paperback edition via Augsburg Fortress - \$22.00

2) *Calendar: Christ’s Time for the Church*

Laurence Hull Stookey (Abingdon Press, 1996)

ISBN: 978-0687011360

*Paperback edition via Amazon - \$17.36

3) *A Devotional Journey Into the Mass*

Christopher Carstens (Sophia Institute Press, 2017)

ISBN: 978-1622824809

*Paperback edition via Amazon - \$13.46

4) *Holy Bible* (translation of participants’ preference)

5) Pew Edition of *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) and/or *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW)

Course Design:

This course will consist of assigned readings, seven (7) Virtual / In-person meetings, written assignments, and a practicum*.

*Practicum will provide opportunity for participants to experience worship leadership as a presider, assisting minister, and reader within a church context. Practicums will be scheduled within the participants respective Synod through the Synod office and Instructor.

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Course Schedule:

Session I – Saturday, July 13th, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Intro I: Biblical, Historical, Theological Aspects of Worship

- Biblical Foundations
- Jewish Roots of Christian Worship
- Early Christian Worship

READING: *The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Vol 1*
Preface (VII – IX) & Chapters 1-2 (pp 3-36)

Session II – Saturday, July 27th, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Intro II: Biblical, Historical, Theological Aspects of Worship

- Lutheran Christian Worship
 - Core Tenets

Assignment Due: *August 3rd, 2024 – 9:00am*

Provide a written reflection (+/- 500 words) of your experience of Worship. How is worship inspiring / transformative for you? What affect does worship have upon your life within family, work, community, the world? What has been your experience of worship leadership? What questions / concerns do you have about worship / leadership?

Session III – Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Liturgy I: Structure and Content (*Ordo*)

- Liturgical / Church Year
 - Seasons / Themes
 - Colors
 - ‘Ordinary’ / ‘Propers’ of the liturgy
- Prayers / Music

READING: *Calendar: Christ’s Time for the Church*

Chapters 1-2 (pp 17-52),

The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Vol 1

Chapter 4 (pp 55-73)

Session IV – Saturday, August 10th, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Liturgy II: Structure and Content (*Ordo*)

- Liturgy of the Hours (Daily Prayer Offices)
 - Matins
 - Vespers
 - Compline
- Sanctoral Calendar

READING: *Calendar: Christ’s Time for the Church*

Chapters 7-8 (pp 133-151)

Assignment Due: August 17th, 2024 – 9:00am

Provide a written reflection (+/- 500 words) of your spiritual life. Give an assessment of your prayer life? What disciplines / practices do you share in? How might the Liturgical Year orient you in prayer / worship (What is the value of the Liturgical Year)? Does your pastor / church observe the Liturgy of the Hours (private / corporate)?

Session V – Saturday, August 17th, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Liturgy III: Structure and Content (*Ordo*)

- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of Holy Eucharist (*Mass*)
 - Extended Table

READING: *The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Vol 1
Chapters 3 & 10 (pp 37-54 & pp 235-244)

Assignment Due: August 24th, 2024 – 9:00am

Draft the *Prayers of the Faithful (Prayers of Intercession)* and select Hymns for a designated Sunday. Provide notes to support the prayers / hymn selections with regards to connections to the Church Year, Sunday readings, community / world events.

Session VI – Saturday, August 24th, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Liturgy IV: Structure and Content (*Ordo*)

- Liturgy of Holy Eucharist (*Mass*)
 - Extended Table

READING: *The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Vol 1
Chapters 6-9 (pp 103-234)

Assignment Due: August 31st, 2024 – 9:00am

Provide a diagram of your 'home church' (Sanctuary / Chancel).
Bring a copy of a typical Sunday bulletin to class and questions/concerns you may have.

Session VII – Saturday, August 31st, 2024 – 9:00am ~ Noon

Worship Leadership

- Context
- Logistics / 'flow'
- Gestures / body language
- Appointments / Vestments
- Technology
- Bulletin
- Resources
- Questions / Concerns

READING: *The Sunday Assembly: Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Vol 1
Chapter 5 (pp 75-99)

PRACTICUM SCHEDULE * – details to be finalized / shared by August 17th, 2024