

# AUGSBURG FORTRESS

Ministry Resources & Church Supplies

Dear partners in ministry,

A new year offers new opportunities to invite more people to know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice, and love. At this time of change in the church and the world, we've seen how congregations are responding, adapting, and growing in new directions so that God's love is made real. We are grateful for the partnership we share with you as you renew and enliven worship, enhance and nurture faith, and bring the good news of God's liberating grace into your community and the world, through word and deed.

This catalog illustrates our support for your ministry. Here are timely resources to help address our rapidly changing contexts. Here also are reliable resources for ongoing needs. These are developed and provided with your help: hundreds of you serve as authors, reviewers, composers, and research respondents to inform and guide our work. May these tools for ministry serve you well. Please circulate this catalog with other staff and leaders who share in your collaborative work.

For more information on these and other resources from the imprints of 1517 Media—congregational resources from Augsburg Fortress and Sparkhouse, as well as titles from Beaming Books, Broadleaf Books, and Fortress Press—visit us online at augsburgfortress.org. As the new year begins, may the Spirit bless you and those you serve with courage, energy, and grace in the church's mission of worship, learning, community, and service.

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Rev. Suzanne Burke Publisher, Congregational Resources 1517 Media

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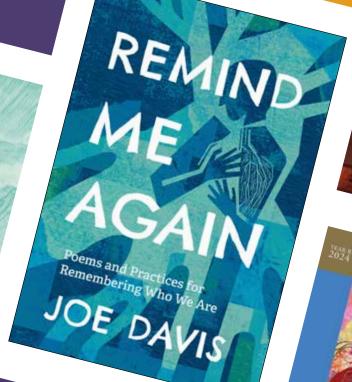
Planning Checklist					
	Support leaders as they prepare for weekly worship by ordering worship planning resources and preaching commentaries for 2024 Year B (the year of Mark).				
	Help altar guilds, worship committees, and worshipers connect with the rhythms of the church year by ordering multiple copies of calendars.				
	Plan ahead for your Easter Vigil, contemplative prayer services, or any time the worshiping assembly uses individual candles by ordering those along with any general use candles for Sundays and other occasions.				
	Present a Bible or <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> to new members or to children and youth at milestones along their faith journey. Just a few of the possible times for such an enduring gift are a Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, or Reformation Sunday.				
	Start a new subscription to our weekly bulletin and insert service or update your current subscription.				
	Stock up on baptismal certificates, candles, and gifts for the newly baptized, being sure to explore our colorful and engaging new titles for children.				
	Invite individuals and groups to reflection and conversation around the Bible and the life of faith, using devotionals, small group studies, and thought-provoking books on timely topics. www.augsburgfortress.org/mouthhouse				
	Plan ahead by gathering your resource needs into fewer, larger orders to minimize rising shipping costs.				

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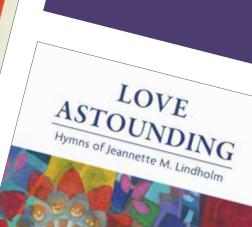
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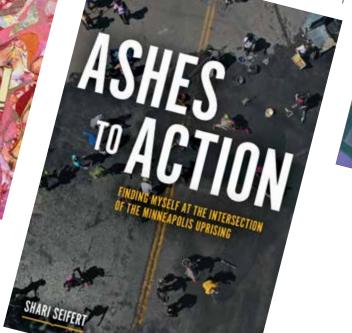
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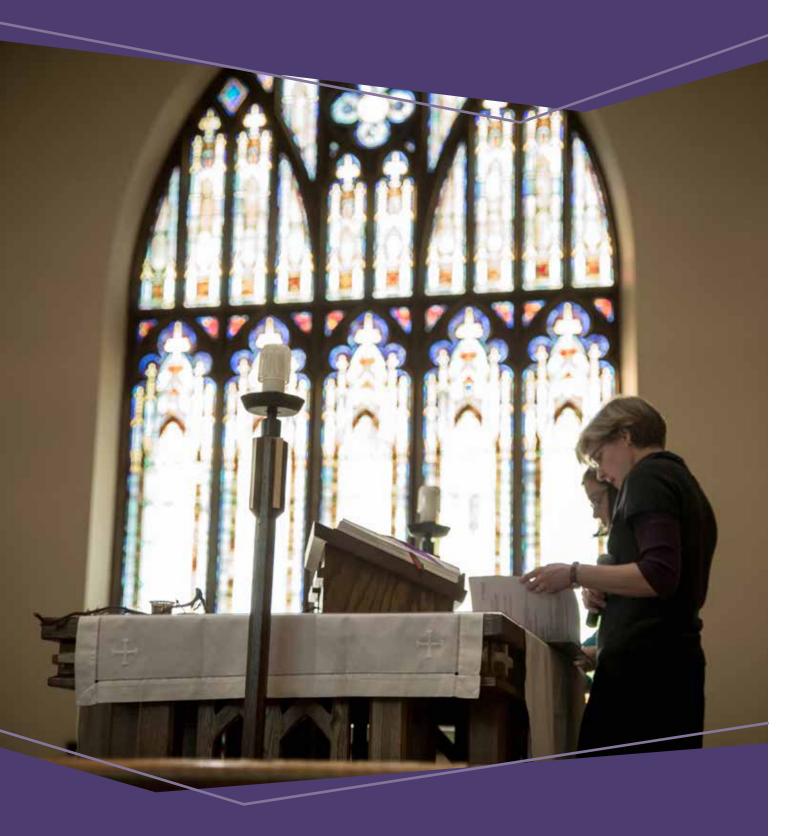
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# WORSHIP



#### All Creation Sings



#### All Creation Sings includes:

- Two liturgies of Holy Communion with new musical settings
- A Service of Word and Prayer designed especially for contemplative worship
- More than 75 new prayers and liturgical forms for diverse occasions and circumstances
- 200 hymns and songs, many of them newly created over the last fifteen years, supporting the church year and a wide range of topics

Hand in hand with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, this supplement invites us to expand our prayer and song, joining our voices with the praise, and sighs, of the whole creation God so marvelously made.



#### **ACS Pew Edition**

All Creation Sings is a new, comprehensive song and prayer collection for every worshiping community. Supplementing ELW, this resource contains expansive hymns and liturgies that invite us to join our voices with God's whole creation. Also available as an eBook optimized for iBooks and Google Books.

978-1-5064-4961-6 | \$15.50



#### **Englarged Print Edition**

This edition contains the same pages as in the Pew Edition, enlarged by 125% to 7-1/2" x 11." The larger format is easy to read. Useful for persons with impaired vision and service leaders. Kivar cover, spiral bound.

978-1-5064-8010-7 | \$32.00



#### ACS Accompaniment Edition

Full accompaniments to the liturgical music and the hymns, as well as guidance on how to lead various genres of song. Spiral-bound landscape format minimizes page turns.

978-1-5064-4962-3 | **\$65.00** 

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#### **ACS Leaders Edition**

The liturgical section is presented in larger format and the content is expanded to include everything needed for the worship leader to conduct the services.

978-1-5064-4963-0 | \$32.00



#### ACS Guitar Accompaniment Edition

This edition includes guitar accompaniments for Holy Communion Settings 11 and 12 as well as every hymn in the pew edition. This volume provides melody lines with full text, large-size guitar chords, and bass indications. The Service of Word and Prayer is also included.

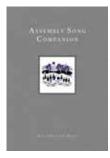
978-1-5064-8008-4 | \$65.00



#### All Creation Sings Braille Edition: Assembly Song

This edition presents the words of *All Creation Sings* #901–1100 (Assembly Song) on braille-embossed pages. Congregation leaders are invited to provide a copy for each braille-using worshiper's use.

978-1-5064-9777-8 | \$350.00



#### Assembly Song Companion to All Creation Sings

Assembly Song Companion to All Creation Sings will be an essential reference resource for church musicians, pastors, and others who help plan assembly song. This accessible manual gives the context, origins, and character of the texts and tunes in All Creation Sings as well as practical guidance for musical leaders.

978-1-5064-8013-8 | \$30.00



#### Indexes to Evangelical Lutheran Worship and All Creation Sings

Provides the prayer of the day and gospel acclamation, citations for appointed readings, listing of hymns and songs suited for the day, and a complete index to the Revised Common Lectionary. Moving beyond a simple planning volume, this volume is formatted to allow worship planners to consider hymns and songs from several perspectives at once, including place in the service and relationship to the readings for the day and the season.

978-1-5064-8013-8 | \$30.00



#### Ensemble Setting of Holy Communion (Setting 12)

Ensemble Setting of Holy Communion (Setting 12) is an enhanced instrumental setting of *All Creation Sings* Holy Communion, Setting 12. Composer Anne Krentz Organ has designed this arrangement to be as flexible as possible; even adding one instrumental part will effectively enliven the keyboard accompaniment. Parts are written in various keys and include piano, instrumental descant, instrumental melody line, guitar, bass instruments, and handbells (C5-C6).

978-1-5064-7994-1 | \$27.95

### **Evangelical Lutheran Worship**



#### **ELW Pew Edition**

More than one million copies of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Pew Edition are now in use. Congregations across the church are finding their worship enlivened by its rich and broad selection of liturgies, songs, and prayers—both new and familiar. Also available as an eBook for Apple devices.

978-0-8066-5618-2 | \$26.50



#### **ELW Pocket Edition**

This edition features the complete content of the pew edition in a convenient, reduced size, expertly crafted on durable paper with a leather cover, silver edging, and ribbon markers. It is the ideal resource for visitation ministry, travel, home use, and personal reference. Designed to withstand years of use, this is a perfect companion and thoughtful gift for anyone who uses Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

978-0-8066-7035-5 | **\$9.99 Sale!**- While supplies last



#### **ELW Large Print Text Edition**

This large-print edition of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* provides the text of weekly liturgies, daily prayer services, assembly song, psalms, service music, and hymns in standard large-print type (18-point, sans serif font) and formatting. Packaged in three shrink-wrapped sets of pages in an 8½" x 11" size. Each set begins with a title page and table of contents. Designed for storage in three binders and for assembling selected pages into a thinner binder for use during the service.

978-1-5064-4579-3 | \$65.00



# ELW Accompaniment Edition: Service Music and Hymns

Full accompaniments for all service music and hymns in the pew edition—nearly 750 in all! Landscape orientation with four pages per spread. Two-volume set. A compact edition is available as well.

978-0-8066-7024-9 | \$75.00



# ELW Accompaniment Edition: Liturgies

Complete keyboard accompaniments for all 10 holy communion settings, plus accompaniments for the additional services found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

978-0-8066-5621-2 | \$65.00

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#### ELW Compact Accompaniment Edition: Service Music and Hymns

A single, smaller volume with the same notation size as the accompaniment edition and full accompaniments to all service music and hymns in the pew edition. Features durable hardcover and spiral binding to help with page turning.

978-1-4514-0134-9 | \$75.00



#### ELW Guitar Accompaniment Edition: Service Music and Hymns

Guitar accompaniments for all the service music and hymns (#151–893) in the pew edition. The two-volume set includes melody lines with full text, guitar chords, and bass indications.

978-0-8066-7021-8 | \$75.00



#### Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Developed with the contributions as well as reviews of chaplains and other service members, this durable pocket- sized companion is ideal for those close to the military. Those serving, as well as family and friends of those who serve, will find here a resource of comfort and strength. To ship to service members stationed internationally, supply the APO/FPO address and we can handle delivery.

978-1-4514-7000-0 | \$11.50



#### Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Pastoral Care

This compact volume contains prayers, readings, and rites for use in a variety of situations and occasions, including expanded prayers and resources for life passages. Lay persons as well as clergy will find support here for their ministries of caring. Also available as an eBook.

978-0-8066-5392-1 | \$45.00



# ELW Occasional Services for the Assembly

Contains more than 60 services and 200 prayers relating to congregational life and the church's ministries. The volume is in a larger format to be suitable for use in leading worship. Features a durable hardcover format, silver edging, and convenient ribbons. Also available as an eBook and CD-ROM.

978-0-8066-9635-5 | \$70.00



#### Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Volume 1: The Sunday Assembly

Addresses the general principles that have guided the shaping of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, considering that central liturgy of Christian worship, holy communion. This text examines how worship interacts with environment, music, and the preached word, and features useful and practical suggestions for all those who lead the assembly in communion.

978-1-5064-2510-8 | **\$22.00** 



#### Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Volume 2: The Christian Life

This book focuses on the formative role of baptism, not only for the individual being baptized, but for the church. It also examines the related rites of affirmation, welcome to baptism, and confession, as well as other rites in which the baptismal center is clearly seen.

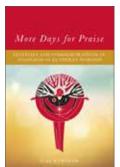
978-1-5064-2511-5 | \$22.00



#### Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Volume 3: Keeping Time

This title in the Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship series explores why Christians have different ways of looking at time, at how the life of the church is ordered and organized by days, weeks, seasons, and years. It provides detailed information about Sundays, festivals, seasons, and commemorations as well as daily prayer.

978-1-5064-2512-2 | \$22.00

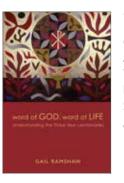


#### More Days for Praise

In this volume, teacher and scholar Gail Ramshaw shows how

the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* calendar of festivals and commemorations lifts up people who are both faithful and fascinating, always pointing to Christ. Each day's entry includes a brief chronology of the person's life; a summary of why the person is remembered by the church; an image of, or related to, the person commemorated; a quote from the person, where possible; and devotional hymn and prayer suggestions for the day.

978-1-4514-9621-5 | \$24.00



#### Word of God. Word of Life

Gail Ramshaw lays out 10 foundational principles of the three-year lectionary in her lively and accessible prose, helping readers enter more deeply into how the Bible comes to life in worship. When a reading is concluded, worshipers may hear these words: "Word of God, word of life." This book advances the author's conviction and hope that "the more preparation we all can bring to Sunday morning, the more intentional might be our response: 'Thanks be to God.'"

978-1-5064-4915-9 | \$28.00



#### Blessings and Beseeching: Seventy Prayers Inspired by Scriptures

Collected here are seventy new prayers that grew from Gail Ramshaw's close reading of the Bible in the quietest months of the pandemic. Surprises and riches are found on every page. By turns bold and humble, universal and deeply personal, Ramshaw's poetry in prayer will inspire individual reflection and enrich public worship settings alike.

978-1-5064-8499-0 | **\$19.99** 



#### **ELW Ceremonial Binder Pack**

This value pack contains one of each of the five colors of binders available: red, green, white, blue, and purple. Perfect for presiders, lectors, cantors, accompanists, or prayer leaders, these three-ring binders are sized to hold standard  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" pages. Features a  $\frac{7}{8}$ " spine.  $9\frac{3}{4}$ " wide x  $11\frac{5}{8}$ " tall.

978-1-5064-8005-3 | \$139.99



#### **ELW Bookmarks**

These durable bookmarks are designed specifically for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Features five 14" multicolored woven ribbons. Logo tab inserts into the spine for ease of use.

978-6-0002-0879-0 | **\$6.99** 

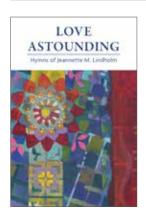


# ELW and *All Creation Sings* Offering Envelopes, 100 per box

Make special offerings possible and easy with these matching offering envelopes. Includes the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings* logo.

978-1-5064-7889-0 | \$5.99

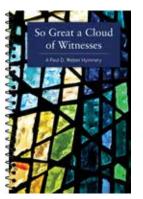
### **Assembly Song Collections**



#### Love Astounding: Hymns of Jeannette M. Lindholm

This collection contains twenty-three hymns by Jeannette M. Lindholm, hymns that give careful and thoughtful voice to the mystery and wonder of God and God's people. Her poetry not only invites us to sing but to examine and expand the metaphors we use for God in our worship and devotion.

978-1-5064-8006-0 | \$17.00



#### So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Paul D. Weber Hymnary

As a pastor and musician, Paul Weber's hymn writing is patterned after Luther's conviction for spiritual songs that reflect a strong theological foundation, an esteem for the historic liturgy, and an understanding of the importance of congregational song for faith and worship. The tunes in this collection of 91 hymns were composed by Weber, who also wrote several of the texts.

978-1-5064-8007-7 | **\$24.99** 



#### Healing Leaves of Grace: A Thomas Pavlechko Hymnary

Thomas Pavlechko's music has been enriching assembly song for decades, and the forty hymns set to his tunes and collected here represent the latest chapter of his compositional endeavors. Each has been crafted with the assembly in mind, adding fresh and creative music to the worship life of the church.

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#### Singing in Community: Paperless Music for Worship

Singing in Community invites you to reconnect with singing and leading music as generations before us have done, something actually begun in ancient times. Before Gutenberg made it possible to "put the music in people's hands," congregational song and folk hymns were led without printed music for each singer. We can learn to sing in this way—a practice that seems new, but is very old.

Over fifty songs are included, as well as useful notes on how to introduce your assembly to the tradition of singing without printed music. This songbook was developed in cooperation with Music That Makes Community, an organization working across the ecumenical spectrum to empower and liberate communities' spiritual life through singing. Orally transmitted music can become a powerful spiritual practice for your community and a way to build meaning, compassion, and creativity into worship.

978-1-5064-1826-1 | \$13.95

#### **New Music**



#### Pull Out the Stops, Vol. 3: Congregational Song Accompaniments for Organ

The third volume in this popular hymn accompaniment series will enliven congregational singing and enrich worship. An introduction and one or more stanza accompaniments are provided for over 85 tunes, which draw from a variety of composers and styles. Many of the tunes can be found in the worship supplement *All Creation Sings*.

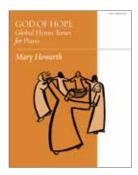
978-1-5064-9609-2 | \$42.00



#### Four By Four Easter: Easter Hymns for Piano and Four Ringers

The fourth collection in this series by Anne Krentz Organ features four Easter hymn tunes set for piano and four handbell or hand chime ringers. These joyful settings can easily be learned by most ringers, yet the writing is engaging and gratifying for both ringers and pianist. Tunes included are EASTER HYMN, NOËL NOUVELET, PUER NOBIS, and a medley of VRUECHTEN/EARTH AND ALL STARS.

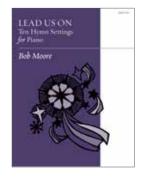
978-1-5064-9606-1 | \$21.00



#### God of Hope: Global Hymn Tunes for Piano

This collection of eleven tunes features a rich variety of hymns, old and new, arranged by Mary Howarth in an engaging light jazz style. The South African hymn "God Welcomes All" is set in an energetic and rhythmic style while the traditional French carol "Twas In the Moon of Wintertime" is beautifully set in a mysterious dreamy mood.

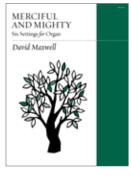
978-1-5064-9602-3 | \$23.00



#### Lead Us On: Ten Hymn Settings for Piano

Bob Moore beautifully captures the mood of each hymn with a lyrical and improvisatory style in this collection of ten hymn tune settings for piano. All tunes can be found in the worship supplement *All Creation Sings* and include CANDLER, CEDARWOLD, COE FEN, and SINE NOMINE.

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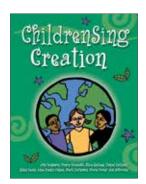


#### Merciful and Mighty: Six Settings for Organ

This collection by David Maxwell features three hymn tune settings and three original compositions for organ written with a range of styles from chromatic and lyrical to complex and triumphant. The three tunes included are IOBE DEN HERREN, MIT FREUDEN ZART, and NICAEA.

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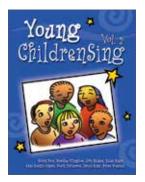
#### **Choral Collections**



#### ChildrenSing Creation

This engaging collection for singers 8-12 years old provides 11 anthems that highlight a variety of themes related to creation from the delight of God's creative activity to our role in honoring and caring for the earth. Composers include Helen Kemp, John Ferguson, and Mark Patterson. To facilitate the learning process, this collection includes both the complete score with accompaniment for the director and a reproducible melody line version for the singer.

978-1-5064-8663-5 | \$34.95



#### Young ChildrenSing, Volume 2

A collection of ten anthems for the youngest singers, each incorporating part of a familiar hymn into the musical fabric of each piece. A great way to introduce hymns to children while reinforcing their role as worship leaders when they sing. As with all ChildrenSing collections, the creative and economical format facilitates the process of learning to both read and make music by including the complete score with accompaniment for the director and a reproducible melody line version for the singer, many with optional instrumental parts.

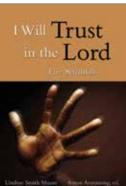
978-1-5064-5778-9 | \$34.95



#### Take My Voice and Let Me Sing: Music for Smaller Ensembles

With a mix of anthems scored for unison, 2-part, and SAB choirs, Wayne Wold writes well-crafted music for smaller sized choirs that is musically interesting and engaging. This set of 11 anthems covers the church year including the Christmas and Easter cycles. Wold's setting of "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" is creatively scored for 2, 3, or 4 parts in canon with flexible accompaniment suggestions.

978-1-5064-8662-8 | \$13.95



#### I Will Trust in the Lord: Five Spirituals

This collection showcases five of Undine Smith Moore's spirituals edited by Anton Armstrong, who includes an instructional forward written for this newly-engraved edition.

978-0-8006-7944-6 | \$4.95



#### **NEW MUSIC**

We've got a full line of new releases for the church year, with composers including Anne Krentz Organ, John Helgen, and Wayne Wold! View these new releases at www.augsburgfortress.org/newchoral

#### **MUSIC EVENTS**

Augsburg Fortress hosts annual Summer Music Clinic events in various locations. In July and August 2024, clinics will be held in the Twin Cities; Columbia, SC; Philadelphia; Columbus, OH; and Chicago, featuring clinicians David Cherwien and Mark Sedio. Learn more about these events at **www.augsburgmusic.org** 



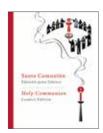
## Spanish-Language Resources



#### Libro de Liturgia y Cántico, Pew Edition: A Worship Book for Spanish-Speaking Lutherans

This book is a complete Spanishlanguage resource designed to fulfill the worship needs of Lutheran communities in the Americas. This service book contains a rich liturgical section with resources for Sunday, weekday, and occasional services such as for the Ouinceañera.

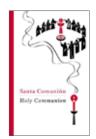
978-0-8066-1128-0 | \$26.50



#### Santa Comunión Edición para Líderes / Holy Communion Leaders Edition

The leaders edition includes the texts of all the offering prayers, prefaces, thanksgivings at the table, and prayers after communion from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Leaders Edition.

978-1-4514-7805-1 | \$17.00



#### Santa Comunión Edición para Asamblea / Holy Communion Assembly Edition

Santa Comunión / Holy Communion is a bilingual version of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* service of holy communion, with Spanish and English in parallel presentation.

978-1-4514-7804-4 | \$3.00



#### Oye Mi Voz: Un Libro de Oraciones para la Prisión

This grace-filled prayer book invites people who are incarcerated to spend time in prayer, trusting in God's neverfailing love for them and the whole world.

978-1-5064-9355-8 | \$11.50



#### Libro de Liturgia y Cántico: Himnos y Cánticos Audio CD: Grabación Educativa / Teaching Recording

Accomplished musicians Guillermo Cuéllar and Silvestre Padrón have prepared clear and simple, basic yet engaging recordings for voice and guitar.

978-1-5064-0060-0 | \$25.00



#### Libro de Liturgia y Cántico, Leaders Edition: A Worship Book for Spanish-Speaking Lutherans

This large-format volume is perfect for use by worship leaders, musicians, persons with visual limitations, or for home use.

978-0-8066-4245-1 | **\$65.00** 



#### El Catecismo Menor de Lutero/ Luther's Small Catechism: Bilingual Edition

English and Spanish texts in a 4" x 6" side-by-side page format.

978-1-5064-4630-1 | \$8.49





SundaysAndSeasons.com has served as a rich and reliable resource for worship planning since 2005. An expansive library of content and ideas is available at one convenient location and always accessible online. SundaysAndSeasons.com provides you with electronic liturgical resources to aid you in creating worship support materials like a printed worship folder or a set of projection slides.

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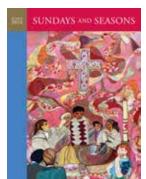


Prelude Music Planner is an online tool that makes planning music for worship easy and efficient, leaving more time to do what you do best: making music.



#### Sundays and Seasons

Easy to use and rich in content, Sundays and Seasons resources enrich every aspect of worship preparation. Lay worship leaders and planners, preachers and presiders, worship team leaders, musicians and visual artists, educators, sacristans and altar guilds, and pastoral liturgists will find these to be the perfect resources to ease their work and prepare engaging worship.

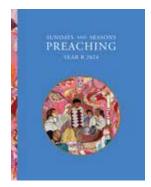


#### Sundays and Seasons: Guide to Worship Planning, Year B 2024

Sundays and Seasons supports comprehensive week-by-week planning with content and ideas for liturgy and music, preaching and visuals, shaped by the Revised Common Lectionary, the church year, and the assembly gathered around word and sacrament.

Worship planners and leaders, preachers, presiding ministers, worship committees, musicians, visual artists, sacristans and altar guilds, and those who create congregational worship folders, will find an indispensable companion in Sundays and Seasons as they prepare for worship each week

978-1-5064-8774-8 | **\$45.00** - Quantity discount available



#### Sundays and Seasons: Preaching, Year B 2024

Sundays and Seasons: Preaching is an annual resource in the Sundays and Seasons family that considers the sermon in the context of the assembly gathered around word and sacrament on a particular day and within a particular season of the church year.

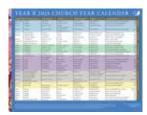
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#### Worship Planning Calendar Year B 2024

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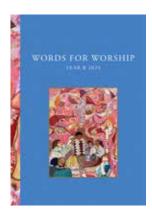


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Based on a legend that a plague causing one hundred deaths a day stopped when leaders implemented a mea-sure-for-measure response, a Jewish practice began of praying one hundred blessings a day. Though Psalm 148 predates this, its writer similarly calls on creatures to

bless their maker: sun and moon, sea creatures; ever fire and hail, snow and frost, and stormy wind are urged

to bless the Lord.

While specifically worded Jewish blessings may be used, I find it uplifting to follow the spirit of the practice when out on a walk. Challenging myself to pray one hundred blessings, I notice and appreciate more of God's gifts than usual: "Bless you, Creator, for snowy tree

gms than usual. Diese you, Cream, in smowl tree branches, the puppy across the street, crisp winter air. Thanks for a warm coat, birds overhead, the man shov-eling his neighbor's drive." This unique and fun prayer practice reminds me that all of life is a gift from the Lord, whose "glory is above earth and heaven" (v. 13).

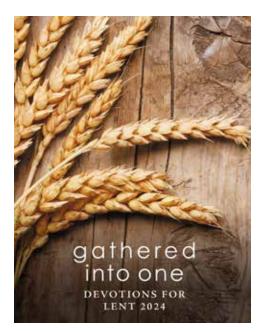
Praise you, O God, for your gifts-more than I can possibly name! Amen.

Prayer concern: Safety for traveler:

Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18



#### Gathered into One: Devotions for Lent 2024



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#### 1 Corinthians 12:14-15, 18

The body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. . But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose

#### To ponder

This is Christ's body, broken and blest. Feed us with mercy and love. We are Christ's body, broken and blest. Heal us and make us one. —ACS 967

#### Unity in diversity

Our bodies are incredible. Your heart beats and your lungs breathe your entire life, without you consciously thinking about it. Eyes are masterful instruments that refract light. Many people blink every three to five seconds. The tongue has 8,000 tastebuds. You have 100,000 miles of blood vessels. Everything works together to make possible all the things you

Paul pictures the church as a body, the body of Christ, When the church functions as it is meant to do, the many parts do not try to one-up or criticize each other. The foot doesn't see itself as less important than the hand. The church needs all the parts to contribute their gifts and work together

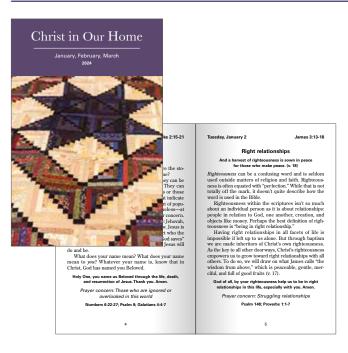
What would happen if all the hands went to one church and all the feet went to another? Ditto eyes and ears. In a polarized society, we are at risk of that today. The problem Paul sees in Corinth is still with us.

God creates a kaleidoscope of people and gifts. Our differences are a strength, not a weakness, when we listen to one another and learn how to work together.

We give you thanks, O God, for the great diversity in the world. Help us to love all the people you place in our path, and teach us to work together, as the body of Christ. Amen.

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Grace-shining God, thank you for declaring me your beloved child. Amen.

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out at a room full of eager singers rediscovering hope and joy in the music. That is, all eavept for one woman who was sobbling in the back row. The rehearsal went on for an hour, and she cried the entire time. Just before the end, I asked her if everything was OK. "I don't know what's happening to me," she exclaimed. "I never cry!"

How often do we come at the world with our arms up, ready to fight? We build walls and resist all feeling. When we do this, we are not just protecting ourselves from bad things; we are refusing the good as well. But God is already there at work in us. We do not have to earn God's grace. We just receive it as a gift.

#### A Quote to Ponder

God's grace is a gift that is freely given to us. We don't earn a thing when it comes to God's love, and we only try to live in response to the gift. No one is climbing the spiritual ladder... . We are simultaneously sinner and saint, 100 percent of both, all the time... We can't, through our piety or goodness, move closer to God. God is always coming near to us. "Sata nota-Wester".

#### A Question to Wonder About

PRAYING THROUGH THE YEAR

How might you be standing in your own way of receiving God's grace in the form of Jesus Christ?

#### Prayer

God of grace, from the very beginning you have loved us as your own. When we want to keep out the good you have for us, make a way into our hearts. When we feel broken, mend us. When we doubt your grace, assure us that your song is true and lovely, even when we sing through our tears. I ask this in Jesus'name. Amen.



Light Dawns on a Weary World

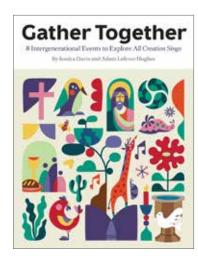
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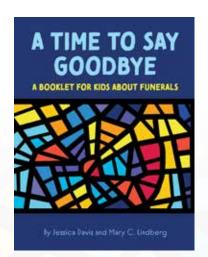


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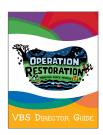
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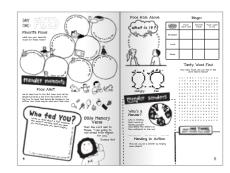
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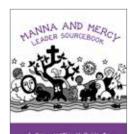
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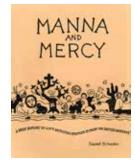
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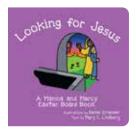
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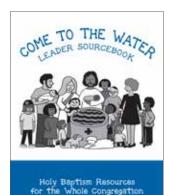
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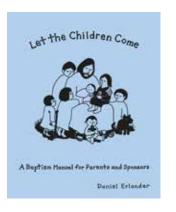
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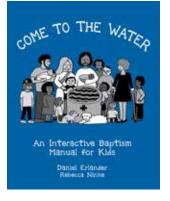
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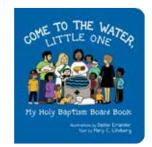
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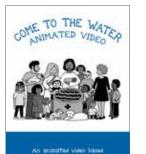
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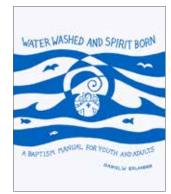


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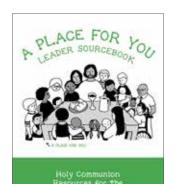
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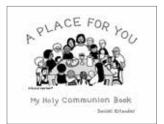
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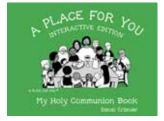
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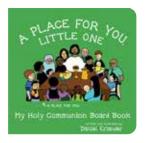
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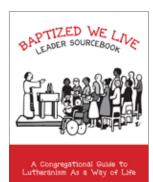


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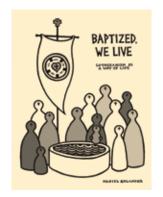
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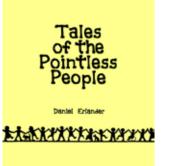
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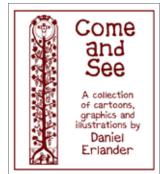
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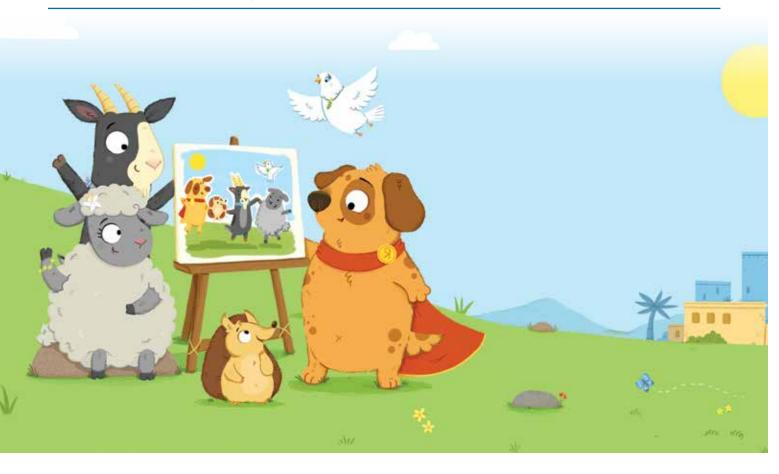
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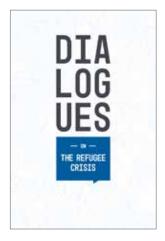
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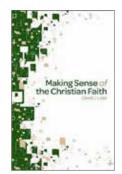


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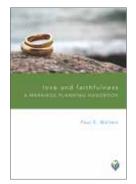


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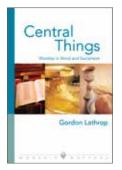
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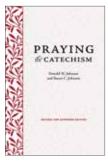


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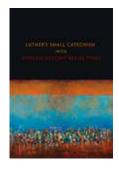


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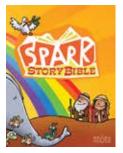


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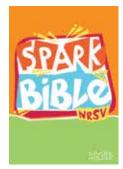
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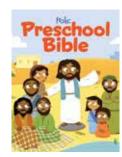
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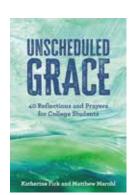
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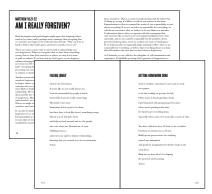
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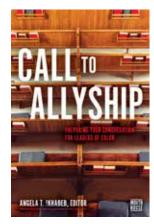


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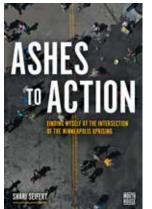


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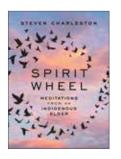
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After the world witnessed the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, a passionate uprising erupted, with the intersection of 38th and Chicago at its epicenter. One block away stood Calvary Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation whose members had engaged in racial justice work for years.

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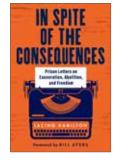
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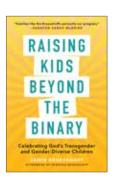
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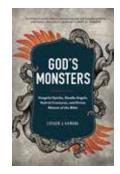
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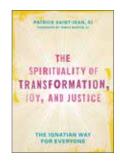
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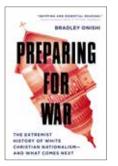
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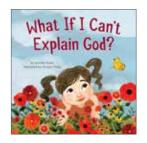
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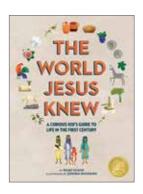
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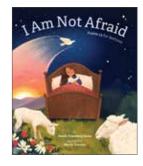
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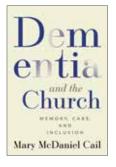
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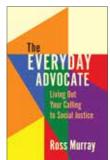
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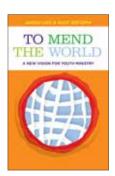
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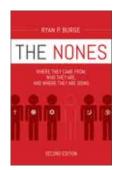
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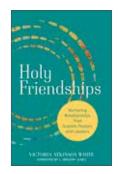
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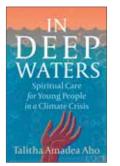
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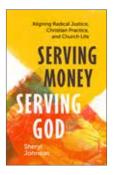
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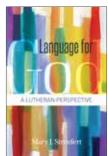
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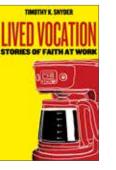
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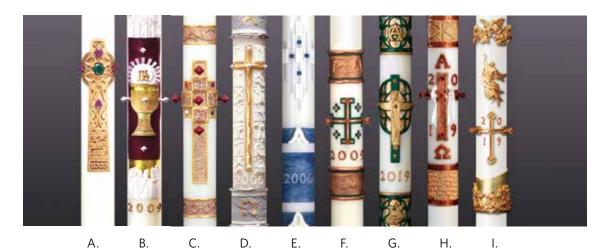


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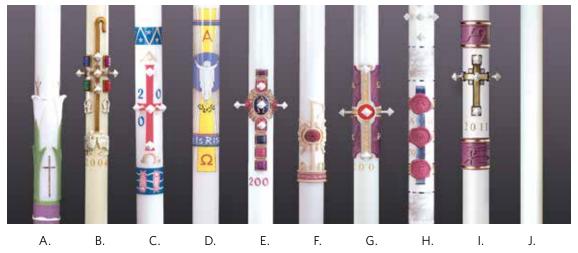
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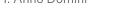
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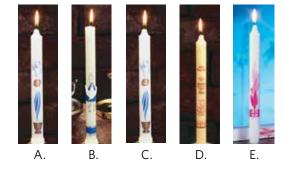
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