

INTRODUCTION

The publication of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* provided the opportunity for the present volume. Its predecessor, *Indexes for Worship Planning*, was an integrated guide to hymns and liturgical materials from *Lutheran Book of Worship, With One Voice*, and the Revised Common Lectionary. *Indexes to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* continues and expands on this tradition by collecting hymns and liturgical materials from the core resource currently in use among North American Lutherans. Others who use the Revised Common Lectionary or a similar system of readings will also find the contents useful.

Hymns for the Church Year

The most substantial index in this volume is Hymns for the Church Year. Hymn suggestions are provided for Sundays and principal festivals, lesser festivals, and occasions as presented in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. In addition, brief introductions to each lectionary day are provided, along with the day's appointed propers (prayer of the day and gospel acclamation), reading citations, and summaries of the readings.

Notes on the hymn suggestions

Selecting hymns for worship is a creative and subjective process that differs in each worshiping community. The suggestions in this volume are not meant to be exhaustive or prescriptive. With a rich and diverse offering of up to 15 hymn suggestions for each day, however, most assemblies using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* will find something appropriate to their local contexts. Because *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is a core rather than comprehensive resource, many assemblies may choose to supplement their repertoire with hymns from other sources and in other styles. On most pages, blank lines are provided in the hymn grid for planners to add their own selections.

A new feature of this volume is the hymn grid for each Sunday and festival. While other planning volumes have arranged hymn suggestions by their relationship to specific readings (*Indexes for Worship Planning*) or their placement in the liturgy (*Sundays and Seasons*), the format in this volume allows worship planners to consider appropriate hymns from several perspectives at once. For example, some hymns with strong scriptural connections to a certain lectionary day may be as appropriate for the gathering or the sending as for the hymn of the day. Of course, hymns can be sung in places other than those suggested, and on other days.

The hymn suggestions in each grid take into consideration the appointed lectionary readings, the day or season in the church year, and at least some balance of musical styles. In most cases the hymns suggested for the hymn of the day have the strongest overall relation to the lectionary and/or day in the church year.

When the grid indicates that a hymn is related to a particular reading, it may mean that particular words, phrases, or images from the scripture reading are also present in the hymn text. It may also mean that the hymn bears a thematic connection to the scripture reading, such as hymns related to love when the gospel text is Jesus' great commandment to love God and neighbor.

Because the gospel is given priority in the lectionary and is the reading on which the sermon is most frequently based, the gospel and its themes are also given weight in this volume. On some days there may be over a dozen hymns that relate to the gospel, and other Sundays there may only be a few. In the latter case, particularly during the Time after Epiphany and the Time after Pentecost, general hymns appropriate to the season were chosen to fill out the list. This also ensures that the vast majority of hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* are suggested on at least one occasion in this volume.

On many days there is at least one hymn suggestion that relates to one of the readings other than the gospel, including a number of suggestions for assemblies using the semicontinuous series of Old Testament readings and psalms during the Time after Pentecost. Most of the hymns suggested in the psalm column are psalm paraphrases that could be used in the place of the psalm that day. A preacher or worship planner who wishes to select hymns specific to one or more of the other readings for the day will find the scriptural and topical indexes at the back of this book useful.

Key to the hymn grids

Categories on the left half of the grid suggest a hymn's placement in the liturgy. Categories on the right half of the grid identify a hymn's relationship to one or more of the appointed lectionary readings, and to the day or season more generally.

HD	Hymn of the day	1R	Related to the first reading
G	Gathering song	PS	Psalm paraphrase
O	Offering song	2R	Related to the second reading
C	Communion song	HG	Related to the holy gospel
S	Sending song	D/S	Related to the day and/or season
*	denotes hymns related to the semicontinuous series of Old Testament readings during the Time after Pentecost		

Sources for hymn suggestions

The hymn suggestions in this volume build on the previous work and creativity of others who produced lectionary-based hymn lists for *Indexes for Worship Planning*. Since a majority of the hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* came from *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice*, many hymn suggestions in this index mirror those in its predecessor volume. New hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* have been incorporated throughout, as have suggestions from the annual *Sundays and Seasons* worship planning guide. In other words, the creative work of many people has led to this rich offering of hymn choices for each Sunday and festival in the church year.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5–11 (if after Holy Trinity)

Time after Pentecost — Lectionary 10

YEAR A

Introduction to the Day

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.¹¹³

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. *Alleluia.* (Luke 4:18)

Readings and Psalm

Hosea 5:15—6:6

God desires steadfast love

Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

Romans 4:13-25

The faith of Abraham

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a girl

Semicontinuous Reading and Psalm

Genesis 12:1-9

Journey in the promise

Psalm 33:1-12

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! (Ps. 33:12)

Hymns for Worship

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy	587, 588
We Come to You for Healing, Lord	617
Come, Ye Disconsolate	607
By Gracious Powers	626
Have No Fear, Little Flock	764
Morning Has Broken	556
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether	470
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate	722
Healer of Our Every Ill	612
I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me	860
In a Lowly Manger Born	718
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake	799
The God of Abraham Praise	831

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