Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Braille Edition: Service Music and Hymns

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Guidelines for Use

This edition presents the words of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #151–893 (Service Music and Hymns) on braille-embossed pages. Over 1,600 pages of braille are produced on sturdy paper stock in a standard 11 x 11.5 page size. Pages are loose-leaf, three-hole punched, and enclosed in eight red hardcover binders.

The contents and the format have been prepared and thoroughly reviewed by experienced braille users and in cooperation with the Disability Ministry section of the Domestic Mission unit, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as well as the braille manufacturer, K&R Braille Transcribing, Lincoln Park, Michigan. Here are some suggestions for making use of this edition.

1. Designed for use by the braille-using worshiper
This braille edition is designed to be given, one copy to each braille-using worshiper, and kept either at that person's home or at a place at the church convenient to the worshiper.

The braille-using worshiper may select and remove pages to be used in worship for a given occasion. These pages may be placed in an appropriate binder or other folder according to the user's preference.

2. Navigation for the braille-using worshiper
Each binder includes a printed title page and an embossed title page, indicating the hymn number range in that binder.

The binders are not labeled on the outside so as not to limit their flexibility. Braille readers may wish to affix a braille label or other indicator to the spine indicating the volume number and/or page range.

3. Navigation for the non-braille-reader
Because this edition is designed for possession, management, and use by the braille reader, and because of the prohibitive cost of producing a combined print/embossed edition, it is not designed for navigation by a non-braille-reader.

Navigation is possible even for a non-braille-reader, however, by referencing the nine braille characters that translate to numbers.

1 ⠼⠁	2 ⠼⠃	3 ⠼⠉	4 ⠼⠙	5 ⠼⠑	6 ⠼⠋	7 ⠼⠛	8 ⠼⠓	9 ⠼⠊	0 ⠼⠚

The first character of each two-character set in the chart above is translated "number," the second character is the numeral 1, 2, 3, etc. In this edition, a multiple-digit number includes the number character followed by three numeral characters, beginning with #151 ⠼⠁⠑⠁ .

Each page of this braille edition includes the braille service music or hymn number in the upper right corner of the page. If desired, the number may be written on each page by a sighted person, ideally working in collaboration with the braille-using reader. In addition, each page of this edition includes the braille page or folio number (not hymn number) in the bottom right corner of the page.