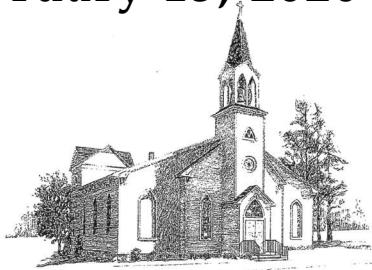


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Vertrau Auf Gott!

Trust in God!



WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

as we gather in person and virtually to
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Bold portions of the bulletin are read by congregation.

Our Mission

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;
Unified us in the waters of baptism;
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;
Praise and worship the Trinity;
Grow our membership with faith and love;
And share our blessings with all God's people.

Holy Communion at Saint Paul's

In the Lutheran tradition we invite persons baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit to come forward to receive Holy Communion. In the mystery of this most Holy Sacrament, we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. On your way to the altar rail, please pick up a communion cup from the small table.

A note for parents – we also welcome all baptized children, regardless of age, to receive Holy Communion. Some parents wish for their children to wait until a later age to receive. If you do not wish for your children to receive, please make sure the Pastor knows that. It is not Pastor's practice to deny children Holy Communion at the altar, unless parents indicate otherwise. Welcome and hospitality are very important at this altar.

For those who have need of gluten-free hosts or unfermented grape juice, please indicate that to the Pastor and the assistant.

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The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Announcements & Prelude

A Hymn in Procession – “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

Hymnal #617

The Invocation

Celebrant In the Name of the Father, and of the **†**Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

You who do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant declares the Absolution.

The Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie Eleison – “Lord, have mercy”

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (Response: **And also with you.**)

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People



C A - men

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray you, graciously hear our prayers, and setting us free from the bonds of our sins, guard us from all adversity; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Reading of 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*



Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God *
while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are op-pressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign
for ever, *
our God, O Zion,
throughout all gene-rations.

A Reading of 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual and Tract TU ES DEUS

Psalm 77:14-15 and Psalm 100:1-2

Celebrant You are the God who works wonders *

People **and have declared your power among the peoples.**

Celebrant By your strength you have redeemed your people, *

People **the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Celebrant Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

People **serve the Lord with gladness.**

A Reading of the Gospel according to Luke 18:31-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted

and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Jonathon Moyers, S.T.M.

A Hymn – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Hymnal #587

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. *

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the ✕ resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* *The original Nicene Creed does not contain the words “and the Son” here. That was a later addition by the Roman Church.*

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, (Merciful God) the congregation responds: **Receive our prayer.**

The Sharing of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

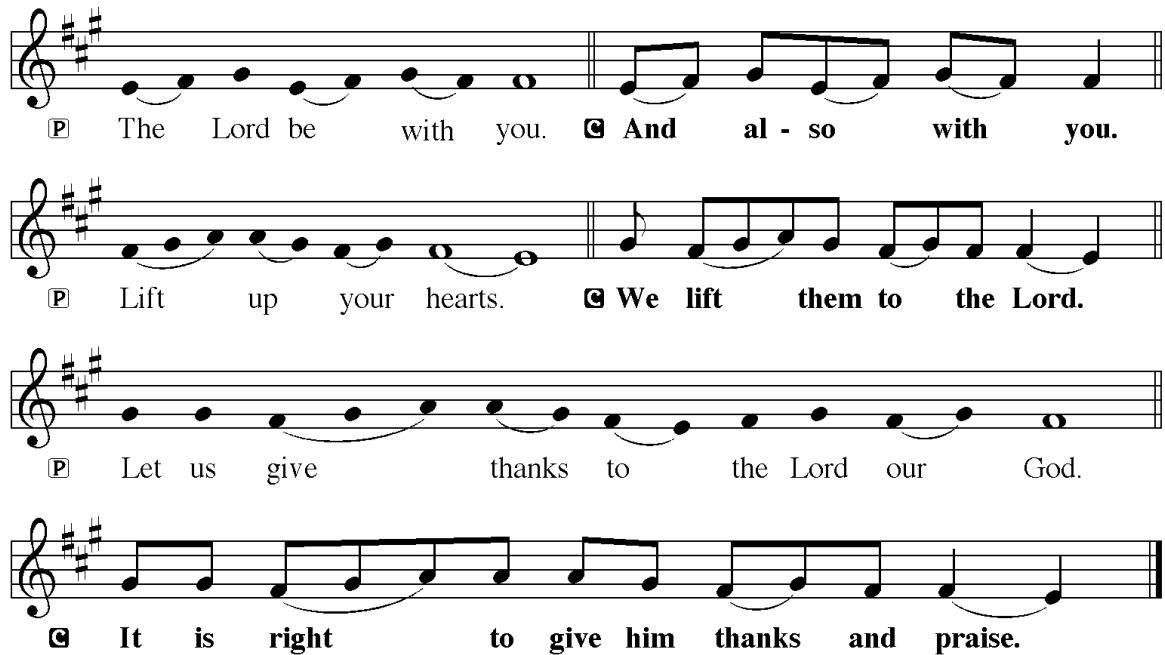
The Offertory Hymn – “How Great Thou Art”

Hymnal #856

The Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

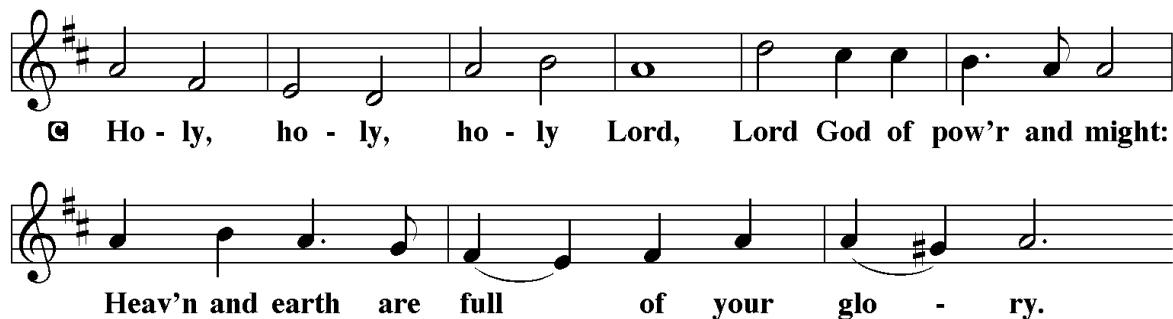


The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the text "P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you." The second staff contains "P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "C It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes connected by beams.

The Celebrant continues

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and People together



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the text "C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:" The second staff contains "Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The notation uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes connected by beams.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks and praise to you, God, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. You created heaven and all its powers, the earth and all that is upon it. You give us life and breath and satisfy us daily with your fullness. You set us free from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember with thanksgiving his bitter suffering and death, his victorious resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming in glory. With this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, with this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

We pray you: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and this holy meal. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and so share in the fullness of his sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

Mighty Lord, by your grace, you are present among us with all the richness of your love. Cleanse us from sin and strengthen us that you may dwell in our hearts by faith. Make us firm in the hope of eternal life. Grant that we grow in love, so that we, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, _____, and all the faithful, may be gathered into your holy church when it is perfected in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Celebrant and People together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”



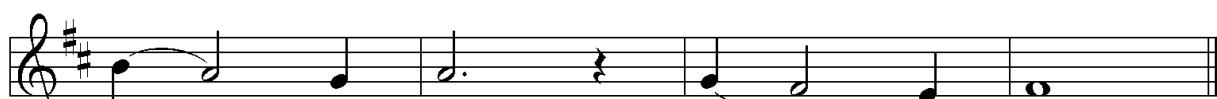
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace,



grant us peace.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the **†** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Final Hymn – ‘Now Thank We All Our God’

Hymnal #840

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

This Week

Ushers & Tellers: Lee Heinsohn and Lee Moore

Lector, Communion Assistant, and Acolyte: Declan Corley

Next Sunday

Ushers & Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingworth

Lector: Josh Lewis, Communion Assistant and Acolyte: Couper Barletta

The altar flowers are placed today in memory of Helen Skipper's birthday on February 21 by her loving family.

Please join us after the service for our annual meeting. Refreshments will be available after the meeting in our fellowship hall.

Tuesday, February 17 9 am Bible Study at St. Paul's

WinterSong: The Festival of Candlemas

Today

4 pm

Grace Lutheran Church
Easton, MD

A Winter Festival of Hymns, Music and Scripture

A light reception will follow.



Our Soup & Sandwich will be Saturday, February 28 at 9:30 am at St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help with this special ministry to our community. Everyone is invited back to the church afterwards for food and fellowship.



This year our observance of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent falls on February 18th and our churches offer three opportunities for you to receive the imposition of ashes and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Those are at 7:00am and 4:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Easton and 7:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cordova.

However, for those who are homebound, ill, or otherwise unable to attend one of these three liturgies, the pastor will be spending the rest of Ash Wednesday, outside of those three liturgies, traveling to parishioners' homes to give the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. For those who have loved ones who are homebound or have special concerns around mobility, you may consider gathering as a family to receive together when the pastor comes to visit.

If you or a loved one wish to have these brought to you on Ash Wednesday, please be in touch with the pastor or contact your church office.

The Church Speaks:

A Workshop in Homily Composition for Laity

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. – Acts 5:42

TENTATIVELY

**Monday Evenings at 6:00pm, Feb. 16 - March 30
Grace Lutheran Church of Easton, MD
111 Brookletts Ave., Easton, MD 21625**



In an ideal world and an ideal Church, there would be an ordained pastor – a Minister of Word and Sacrament – in every pulpit, every Sunday. However, the life and reality of the Church and individual congregations have changed, so that for myriad reasons, an ordained pastor may not, on occasion, be available. This reality may be the case more regularly for congregations who are unable to support full-time clergy or secure pastoral supply every Sunday.

This workshop is for lay leaders in congregations who find themselves in that situation and need tools for continuing Sunday morning worship. In particular, this is for lay leaders who find themselves in a place of needing to offer the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the form of a sermon, homily, or meditation on the readings in the context of a lay-led worship service. This ministry is both necessary and a calling which is equipped by the Holy Spirit.

Over the course of the meetings of this workshop, participants will learn some of the “nuts and bolts” of homily composition, comparing different structures and formats. Additionally, participants will learn about homily preparation as faithful spiritual practice.

The workshop is comprised of eight meetings, over which they will examine and choose biblical passages and options for homily formats, and then will create an outline, initial paragraph, and eventually a homily based on those choices. Together, we will offer feedback on that work and, at the end of the sessions, share our homilies with one another.

Two texts will be required for this workshop, which may be purchased on Amazon or by reaching out to the Rev. Jonathon Moyers to coordinate purchase from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

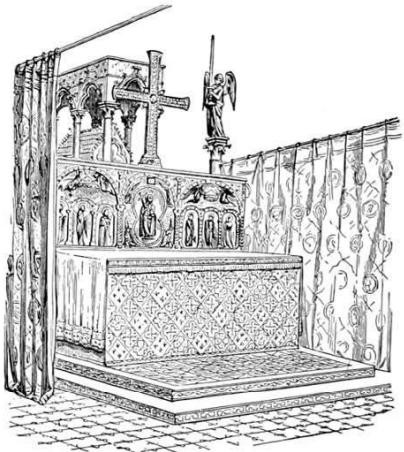
The Church Worships:

A Workshop in Worship Planning and Leadership for Laity

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. – Acts 2:42

Wednesday Evenings in March at 5:15pm
Grace Lutheran Church of Easton, MD
111 Brookletts Ave., Easton, MD 21625

Formed by the teaching and command of the Lord Jesus in the Upper Room on the night before his Passion and Death, we receive and hand on the teaching that when we are gathered together as Christian people, we give thanks over bread and wine, and that in, with, and under these creatures of bread and wine, we receive the true Body and precious Blood of Jesus. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we are admonished not to “forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the habit of some” (Hebrews 10:25).



Yet, while we may meet together as much as possible, it is not always possible to have the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a pastor – the ordained minister of Word and Sacrament – is not always available. That reality, difficult as it is, does not preclude the congregation meeting on the Lord’s Day, hearing the Word proclaimed through Scripture, offering worship, singing the hymns of faith, and praying together – nor does it preclude the sharing and fellowship with one another which Lutherans, in the Smalcald Articles, call the “mutual conversation and consolation of the brethren.”

In six sessions, this workshop aims to give interested lay persons the opportunity to explore worship planning, leadership, and resources. Additionally, one session will explore worship planning when preparing for a Sunday morning with a supply pastor. Participants will learn about forms of worship which layfolk may officiate (i.e. The Service of the Word, Matins, Vespers, the Ante-Communion). Participants will have opportunities to practice officiating and build a collection of planning resources.

Wednesday, March 4	Types of Liturgies, Liturgies for Lay Leadership, Outlines
Wednesday, March 11	The Church Year, Lectionaries, and Seasonal Considerations
Wednesday, March 18	Music and Hymn Selection, Music Resources
Wednesday, March 25	Planning the Holy Eucharist for Supply Pastors
Saturday, March 28	Saturday Retreat, Rubrics, and Officiating Lunch included 9:00am to 1:00pm

Necessary Texts: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, The Lutheran Book of Worship, The Service Book and Hymnal (1958), Sundays and Seasons Worship Planning Calendar Year A 2026, Sundays and Seasons access (provided by the congregations).