



Report of the Worship and Liturgical Resources Section

Statement of Purpose

The Worship and Liturgical Resources section of the Office of the Presiding Bishop provides churchwide support for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, working closely with units of the churchwide organization, synods, agencies and institutions, and ecumenical partners. The governing description of this section appears in continuing resolution 15.11.H05, printed in Section X of this volume.

Report of Work for 2005-2007

The Worship and Liturgical Resources section finalized the content for a new primary worship resource after the 2005 Churchwide Assembly affirmed the outcomes of the Renewing Worship project. While collaborating with Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, on the publication of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Worship and Liturgical Resources staff members directed efforts to introduce this new primary worship resource throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Introductory efforts culminate in “Worship Jubilee 2007,” a churchwide worship event designed to feature the flexibility of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and further the ongoing work of worship renewal throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In addition to providing enhanced support for worship and worship planning to units of the churchwide organization, this section redesigned its Web pages (www.elca.org/worship), introduced an e-newsletter, collaborated on various worship matters with ecumenical partners and continued work on ethnic-specific worship resources, in particular Chinese language materials.

Liturgical Resources

Resources produced collaboratively with Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, since the 2005 Churchwide Assembly include:

In 2006

- *Chinese Lutheran Book of Worship*
- Introductory Kit for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
- *Lectionary for Worship C* (Ritual, Study Editions)
- *Gospel Acclamations*, vols. 1 and 2
- *Psalter for Worship C*, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pew Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Accompaniment: Liturgies*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Accompaniment: Service Music and Hymns*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Leaders Desk Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Leaders Ritual Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Audio CDs* (2 Liturgy, 1 Hymns)
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Liturgies CD-ROM*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship additions to Sundays and Seasons.com*

- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Lent and Holy Week* offprints
- *Kids Celebrate Worship* (4 titles)

In 2007

- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Gift Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ceremonial binder
- *Gospel Acclamations*, vols. 3 and 4
- *Worship for Life* series: *Christ in Your Marriage*
- *Lectionary for Worship A* (Ritual, Study Editions)
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Simplified Keyboard Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Guitar Edition*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Leaders Guides* (5):
- *The Sunday Assembly, The Christian Life, Keeping Time, Indexes to ELW*
- *Guide to the Music of Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
- *Festival Settings: One, Two, Ten*
- *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* note cards and posters
- *Psalms Settings for the Church Year*
- *Psalter for Worship A, Evangelical Lutheran Worship Edition*
- *Kids Celebrate Worship* (4 titles)

Major Directions for 2007-2009

The Worship and Liturgical Resources section will continue to develop worship materials that surround and support *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, attending particularly to the diversity of worship patterns throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Collaboration will mark the ongoing development of an unfolding family of worship resources, involving individuals and groups throughout this church in determining how best to meet varied worship needs. New resources will be produced in either print or electronic formats and sometimes in both, taking greater advantage of the ELCA Web site.

In addition to materials that will be newly envisioned, resources anticipated in 2008 include *Occasional Services*, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Braille Edition*, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Enlarged Print Edition*, and *Supplement to Hymns of Praise* (Chinese and English). *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is scheduled for 2009.

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