

The Hymnal: Past, Present, and Future

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→ *Week 1: History of Christian Orders of Worship*

Week 2: the hymns we sing

Week 3: the Monday meetings (inside look at the hymns committee meetings)

Week 4: *Christian Worship 2021* and the accompanying products

Introduction

Our God and his guests...

Our objectives for four weeks:

- ✓ Recognize the importance of public Christian worship
- ✓ Gain an understanding and appreciation of worship forms Christians have used over 2,000+ years, especially Lutherans, especially WELS
- ✓ Recognize that worship forms and hymns are both changeless and changing
- ✓ Recognize that Emmanuel is part of a massive body of Christians
- ✓ Recognize the need for a new hymnal
- ✓ Identify features of the new hymnal that emphasize the purpose of public Christian worship

A brief history of the order of Christian worship

1. Temple Worship = spectacular worship

List some features of this kind of worship

What were some of the purposes of this kind of worship?

“In potent ways, God involved symbol and action to help the people remember his works”

To consider: Why is it a good thing that Jesus didn't give us exact worship regulations to follow?

2. Synagogue Worship

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Also evidence of eating a meal and the holy meal (communion)

Jesus gave many principles and priorities to worship and let the church put them into practice: Mark 1:15; Luke 24:27,44; John 20:22-23; Luke 8:39; John 5:1; Matthew 21:12-13; Luke 4:16; Matthew 15:7; Luke 18:9-14; John 4:23-24; Matthew 28:19; Luke 11; the Lord's Prayer; Matthew 26:26-28, etc.

3. Apostles' Era

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The Four Christmas Canticles:

4. Post Apostles' Era (through 300 AD)

We have documentation of various church fathers that give us a glimpse of the worship patterns of Christians from of old

Pliny the Younger

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The *Didache*

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Justin Martyr's *First Apology*

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Hippolytus and the *Apostolic Tradition*

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Cyprian

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5. Worship order from 300 – 600 AD

This was a time of great church growth (Edict of Milan, 313). The Roman order of worship (the Roman rite) becomes the gold standard.

St. John Chrysostom's order of worship

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6. Medieval Church worship order (600 - 1500)

This could be considered the dark ages of Christianity. Thanks a lot, Rome.

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Week 1: a brief history of the order of Christian worship

There were 5 major issues to the Christian order of worship at this time:

7. Luther's Time (early 1500's)

Luther wasn't out to change any existing order of worship. He had a tremendous heart for people, and knew change wasn't easy.

See handout. This shows the order of worship in which he grew up with, his first attempt at removing the false doctrine (*Formula Missae*, 1523), and then his 2nd attempt (*Deutsche Messe*, 1526).

Pietism and Rationalism (1650 – 1900): obstacles to Christian orders of worship

8. American orders of worship (1800 – 1941)

The Book of Common Prayer had a significant impact in early America

Common Service, 1888
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9. The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)

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10. Christian Worship '93

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11. Christian Worship '21

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To consider:

Why has Emmanuel chosen to follow an order of service (a liturgy)?

Thinking about our order of service, how can such a good practice turn into something "discreetly devilish"?