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Liturgy Cont.

We continue our look at the liturgy. Note that the order varies from service to service, but the flow generally remains the same, from law to gospel, from confession to forgiveness to response to blessing.

Introit

"Introit" is from the Latin word for "Entrance." In form, it begins and ends with an "antiphon," which is typically a verse reflecting the theme of the day, with a Psalm or portion of a Psalm in the middle. The Introit confesses that we are coming before God, Who has forgiven our sins.

Kyrie

"Kyrie" is short for "Kyrie Eleison," which is Greek for "Lord, have mercy." In the New Testament, the word "Kyrios" ("Lord") is used synonymously with God's name in the Old Testament, "Yahweh" ("I Am"). So this part of the service not only calls on Jesus to be merciful to us, but confesses that Jesus *is* the God of the Old Testament as well.

"Lord, have mercy" is a very simple prayer that summarizes our need for God and His goodness. We call on Him for the various things that we need and that He alone can supply, asking for His mercy on us who deserve nothing good from Him, but know that, because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross on our behalf, He will supply all that we need.

In some liturgies, you'll find the form simply, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have Mercy." This simplified form is a confession of the same with the three sentences signifying the Trinity.

Hymn of Praise

In the Hymn of Praise, we praise God that He has indeed had mercy on us and will continue to do so. Like many of David's Psalms, we praise God for answering our prayers even if He hasn't yet, since we know that He will because He has promised to do so.

The earliest form of the Hymn of Praise was "Gloria in excelsis," or "Glory to God on high," the song the angels sang in the hills of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth, and that song is still included as an option in many liturgies today.

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, the Hymn of Praise is usually omitted or replaced to reflect the penitential mood of the season, returning at Easter and Christmas with more reason to sing it than ever as we celebrate the salvation God has given us in Jesus.

Salutation

Next, you'll typically hear something like, "The Lord be with you," to which the congregation responds, "And with your spirit," or, "And also with you." These short statements are more than just a greeting. They confess God's presence with us through His Word. Also, this exchange reflects the special relationship between pastor and congregation as the pastor proclaims in a simple way the presence of God with His people, and the people respond with mutual support of the pastor's message.

Collect of the Day

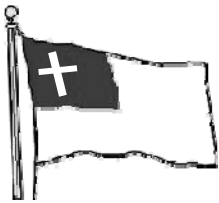
A collect (accent on the first syllable) is a traditional style of prayer that generally follows a specific pattern. It begins with an address ("Heavenly Father," "Lord God," etc.), followed by a rationale, calling on a specific characteristic or action of God ("You saved your people from slavery in Egypt," "You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love," etc.). Next comes the petition, the request or purpose of the prayer ("Forgive our sins," etc.) followed by the benefit, the goal of the petition ("That we may know your love and spend eternity with You," etc.), then ending with the "Termination," a doxology or praise of God ("Who lives and reigns..."). Of course, we end every prayer with "Amen" as a confession of faith that God does indeed hear our prayer and will answer it according to His wisdom and love for us. The congregation speaks "Amen" to say, "Yes, everything the pastor spoke on our behalf is what we believe and ask as well."

Readings

The readings from the Bible follow a schedule called the lectionary. It follows a 3-year cycle, designed to match the theme of the season, although the epistle lesson often runs separately. During the Gospel lesson, the congregation stands and offers additional praise to God, because the Gospel lesson recounts specifically that key point in history when God became man to save us.

TO BE CONTINUED

Pastor Peck



Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Sisters in Christ are like pillars on a porch. Sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes you hold them up. But it is good to know that they are always standing by!"

LWML Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church --

In Mission - Any woman of the church can be a part of LWML. If she is in the Word and in service, she is already practicing the goals of the LWML.

To Women - The LWML provides opportunities for personal spiritual growth, a richer prayer life, and retreating into the Word of God.

And Through Women - Women are challenged in the LWML through Bible study and enrichment training and opportunities to use their God-given talents and gifts.

Serving in Joy - In the LWML, women are encouraged to seek out and serve the people of their communities -- and the world.



*Lutheran Women in Mission ...
to all the people in the world!*

OUR MISSION

Assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



July Events for Wheat Ridge Lutheran:

July 11th, Saturday 9:00am at church: 2015-2016 planning meeting

July 14th: SEWING BEE we will have lunch after Bible Study followed by the crafting of Russian friendship dolls for the Fall Rally.

BY July 31st: Russian/ European Recipes due to Janet Krogh office@wrlutheran.org