



# Faith 101: Worship - Why We Do What We Do

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# Game Plan: Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

- 1) What is a Christian?
- 2) Who is this Jesus guy anyway?
- 3) What is the Bible?
- 4) What makes us Lutheran?
- 5) **Worship - why we do what we do**
- 6) **Christian community**

# Why worship?

## ▶ 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

- <sup>23</sup> Sing to the LORD, all the earth;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- <sup>24</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his  
marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- <sup>25</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of  
praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- <sup>29</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him.  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of  
his holiness.
- <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations,  
“The LORD reigns!”

## ▶ Psalm 100

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his

## ▶ Revelation 4+5

## ▶ John 4:23-24

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

## ▶ BECAUSE WE WANT TO!

# Why Sunday?

- ▶ Sabbath: Exodus 20:8-11
- ▶ Jewish Sabbath = Friday sundown to Saturday sundown
- ▶ Jesus rose on the first day of the week (John 20:1, Matthew 28:1)
- ▶ Pentecost in Acts 2 also happened on a Sunday



**What sorts of things  
(or “elements of worship”)  
do we do on Sundays?**

# What “elements of worship” do we do on Sundays?

- ▶ Call to Worship
- ▶ Confession & Forgiveness
- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Scripture Readings
- ▶ Children’s Time
- ▶ Sermon
- ▶ Offering
- ▶ Hymns/Music
- ▶ Communion
- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ Special Blessings
- ▶ Sending Blessing
- ▶ Dismissal
- ▶ Anything else we want to do as the assembled body of Christ

## Special Services

- ▶ Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation
- ▶ Weddings
- ▶ Funerals

# Adiaphora

Things not “essential for faith,” not commanded/mentioned in the Bible



# “Means of Grace”

Not how we receive grace, but how we can experience grace in a tangible way

- ▶ Communion
- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ Confession & Forgiveness





# Baptism

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



# Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

- ▶ Church helps parents fulfill promises along the way, throughout childhood
- ▶ As teens, stand and proclaim own faith



# Communion



<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

# Confession & Forgiveness

## What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*Luther's Small Catechism*

- ▶ Way of being reminded of and experiencing God's grace
- ▶ Meant to unburden the conscience
- ▶ Can be done communally or individually

# Music

- ▶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.  
*Colossians 3:16*

- ▶ Exodus 15

- ▶ Psalm 33

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

<sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

# Prayer



- ▶ <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances

*1 Thess. 5*

- ▶ <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

*Romans 12*

- ▶ <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 4*
- ▶ <sup>7</sup> “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. *Matt. 7*

# Scripture/Sermon

But how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?... So **faith comes from what is heard**, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

*Romans 10:14,17*

All scripture is **inspired by God** and is **useful for teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

*2 Timothy 3:16*



# Offering

- ▶ Part of worship - giving back to God what God first provided us
- ▶ In practice since Old Testament
- ▶ Philippians 4:10-20
- ▶ Contribute to work of the church
- ▶ Spiritual practice





# Blessings

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup> Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Numbers 6*



# Communal v. Private Worship

- ▶ Some things can be done individually
  - ▶ Prayer
  - ▶ Songs
  - ▶ Reading Scripture
- ▶ Some things can only be done in community
  - ▶ Communion
  - ▶ Baptism
  - ▶ Confession & Forgiveness
- ▶ Christian life meant to be lived in community



# Devotional time this week:

Explore what it's like to  
worship on your own