

THE DIVINE SERVICE (SETTING THREE)

NOTES: 1.) Biblical references are listed throughout the service, *LSB* 184ff.
2.) Pastor faces congregation for “sacramental” elements (God speaks to His people) and faces altar for “sacrificial” elements (God’s people speak to Him.)

PREPARATION: Invocation, Confession and Absolution PAGES 184-185

Invocation not a complete sentence – takes us back to baptism, as do confession and absolution

Who else gathers and says what louses they are?

Absolution: *I forgive you.* Think of postal carrier: “I have a letter for you.”

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit MENTIONED AT TOP OF PAGE 186

“He enters.” Really begins the service. Focuses on theme. Varies weekly.

Antiphon – psalm portion – Gloria Patri (“Glory be to the Father . . .”)

Kyrie (“O Lord”) PAGE 186

Started in 4th century as litany of intercession at start of service

Mercy is not mere feeling; it is action. Take away not guilt, but misery.

Hymn of Praise: “Gloria in Excelsis” PAGES 187-189 – based on angels’ song

Collect MENTIONED ON PAGE 189

Collection of prayer thoughts around day’s theme; varies weekly

Gives reason for asking, then asks, then states the request’s goal

First Lesson, usually from Old Testament MENTIONED ON PAGE 190

God of the OT is the Triune God. Spoke to His people of old, and to us.

Epistle MENTIONED ON PAGE 190

Apostolic sermons in the form of letters, applying the faith

Alleluia PAGE 190

Joyous “Praise the Lord!” (Omitted during Lent) Preparation for Gospel

Gospel MENTIONED ON PAGE 190-191

High point in Service of the Word, words from lips of our Lord

Stand, not only out of reverence but also in anticipation

Creed PAGE 191 or 192

Nicene Creed (communion); Apostles’ Creed (non-communion)

Upon hearing reading of Word; “I believed, and so I spoke” (2 Cor. 4:13)

Bible can be your creed no more than the stars can be your astronomy

Hymn MENTIONED ON PAGE 192

Main hymn of service. Reflects theme, prepares for sermon

Sermon MENTIONED ON PAGE 192

Other high point in Service of Word; applies Christ’s Word to people

Does not just describe, but also *acts* (God’s Word always does)

Offertory PAGES 192-193

Here, really a response to the sermon. From Psalm 51.

Offering MENTIONED ON PAGE 193

Monetary offering is a token of the offering of *ourselves* as sacrifice
For Christians only!

Prayer of the Church MENTIONED ON PAGE 193

Also a response to God’s Word: exhaling after inhaling

Mainly intercessory prayer, some reflection of day’s theme

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface and Proper Preface PAGE 194

Some of oldest responses in Christian worship

Establishes tone of expectancy, thanksgiving

Proper Preface is “proper” to the season

Sanctus (“Holy”) PAGE 195

From Isaiah 6: sung to the Lord, high and lifted up

From Palm Sunday: sung to the Lord, humble and on a donkey

This is the Lord with the power and love to give His body and blood

Lord’s Prayer PAGE 196

At this point, Luther removed the “canon” of the Mass

Model prayer taught by Christ, associated w/Lord’s Supper long ago

Congregation sings words appropriately addressed to Christ (Dan. 7:13-14)

The Words of our Lord PAGE 197

High point in Service of Sacrament, words from lips of our Lord

Both a consecration of elements and a proclamation to the congregation

Pax Domini (“The peace of the Lord”) PAGE 197

Focuses on peace to be received in the Lord’s Supper

Agnus (*not* Agnes) **Dei** (“Lamb of God”) PAGE 198

From John the Baptizer’s identification of Christ

Prays for mercy and peace

Distribution MENTIONED ON PAGE 199

Other high point in Service of Sacrament; applying Christ’s Word

Kneel in reverence for Christ Who is here in body and blood

“As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the
Lord’s death until He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Post-Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis (“Now you dismiss”)

PAGES 199-200 -- Song of Simeon: I’m ready to die. Us too!

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect PAGES 200-201

Refrain in several psalms; *eternal* mercy

Thanks for the gift; prospect for the future

Benediction PAGE 202

Words given by the Lord to Aaron and sons to bless His people:

“When they pronounce My name over the Israelites, I will bless them”
(Numbers 6:27). Hint of the Trinity and “bookend” with Invocation