

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let us be grateful for the many years of service that these hymnals, Lutheran Worship, have given us. These hymnals were set apart and dedicated to the glory, honor, and worship of God and for the ministry of God's Word and Sacrament, even though they will no longer be used for this purpose.

These hymnals are dear to our hearts and are cherished among us because they have been our guide in receiving God gifts and directing our worship and praise toward the only true God in a most appropriate manner. We will certainly feel some loss with its departure from our sanctuary.

However, we can be comforted that God will use our new hymnals, which includes much guidance from Lutheran Worship, for the proclamation of his Word and the administration of his holy sacraments.

So that we may be comforted, let us hear the Word of our Lord.

David said in Psalm 96 (1, 2, 4, 6-9 (ESV))

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ...For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ...Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ...Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Jesus said in Matthew 18 (20 (ESV))

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

And in Matthew 28 (19, 20 (ESV))

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, we give thanks for revealing your presence in Word and Sacrament and for the blessings bestowed on your people through the use of these hymnals. As we resign these hymnals from their service, continue to bless us, that we may ever be conscious of your unchanging love, grow in faith and hope, and finally be united with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.

C: Amen

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