

Project

# Talk about Worship

- Download/Print the [True Lutheran Worship](https://thefingerworks.com/EldersLibrary/Confession.htm) document listed on the Confessions page.  
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- Read it and mark it up!

## To discuss with your pastor:

- What **attitudes** do we overhear in our congregation?  
Do some say that some non-hymnal order of service would be better to do?  
Do some find the hymns hard to appreciate?  
Do some say that worship is merely a matter of style?  
Do some say that the Service needs to follow the cultural expectation about entertainment?
- Is the question of worship too hot to **discuss**, or is it easy to talk about?  
Is it easy to talk about popular secular songs, say, from a previous decade?  
Is it easy to talk about cultural topics generally – literature, art, drama?  
Is anyone willing to compare the lyrics of a popular Christian song to a hymn?
- What **critical thinking** devices lend themselves to friendly conversation?  
What did the songwriter mean by that?  
Which is your favorite contemporary song?  
Let's print out the lyrics and see what it says!  
Does the song tell you to work harder, or to rest?  
What is the message in that service?  
What doctrine is being taught?  
Some matters are not negotiable (Ten Commandments, Creed), but they can be freely discussed.  
Similarly, our oldest traditions can be looked into.
- What several things does the Latin “lex orandi, lex credendi” imply about worship ‘style’?

## Essay!

The title: “The Worship is for You!”

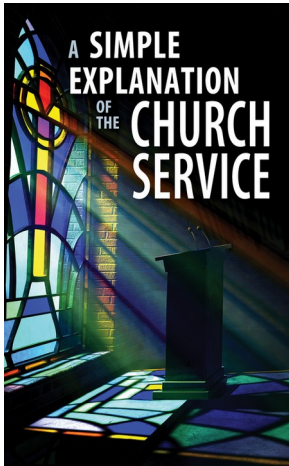
The challenge:

**How shall the congregation understand  
that  
important matters such as doctrine and worship  
are “discussable”--that one may ask “Why?” in any amount of detail?  
How shall they know that such discussion is greatly encouraged?**

Describe the current situation in your congregation.

Do some ask for a contemporary or non-liturgical service, but feel unable to define terms or describe what they mean?

Are all aware of the meaning of the parts of Service, as presented in this booklet:



<https://www.cph.org/a-simple-explanation-of-the-church-service-pack-of-20>

Who is comfortable talking about current (or past) hit songs and other secular entertainment? How many are willing to talk about the text or meaning of a song?

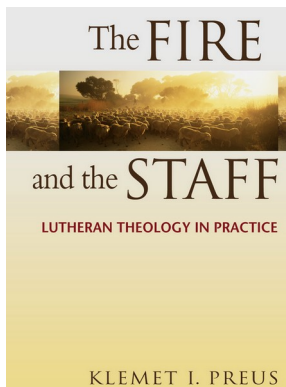
Can some be encouraged to talk to the Pastor about their questions/suggestions RE worship?

What might some or several lay leaders do to encourage free and comfortable discussion about worship?

Present your essay to the Pastor! Upon his approval, submit to the board of elders. Go forth and do!

Book:

Klemet J. Preus “The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice”



<https://www.cph.org/the-fire-and-the-staff>

**lex orandi, lex credendi**