

Description of the Central Ritual for the International Church of Copenhagen

For Lutherans, worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.

Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today's world.

Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament. The word proclaimed and the sacraments —both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion — are called the means of grace. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a “gathering around the means of grace.”

There is also a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We gather. We encounter God's word. We share a meal at the Lord's table. And we are sent into the world. But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The worship service at the International Church of Copenhagen, normally consists the following:

Opening Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie (seasonal)

Hymn of the Day

Readings from Scripture: Hebrew Scriptures, Epistles and Gospels following the Revised Common Lectionary

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Confession of Faith using one of the historic creeds of the church

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Holy Communion:

 Dialog

 Thanksgiving with Verba

 Distribution

 Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Dismissal

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. Baptisms are held when candidates are available after a period of instruction.