

The Decline of the Common Service (1958-Present)

Part I. The Service Book and Hymnal (1958).

The Lutheran Liturgy by Luther D. Reed, 1947 edition and the 1959 revised edition

Chapter IX. The Common Service and The Common Service Book

Chapter X. The Common Liturgy, 1958

p.226 Modern Ecumenism and Historical Criticism: “its outlook is ecumenical rather than narrowly confessional or provincial” Changes in 1. Epistles and Gospels, 2. Confession to the Kyrie, 3. Order of parts of offertory, 4. Eucharistic Prayer, 5. The word “catholic”

p.227 to seek...a Common Lutheran Hymnal in America”

p.228 Dr. Reed is elected “permanent chairman” of the new Joint Committee. Objections from Missouri Synod, Augustana, Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church

p.229-230 “Inasmuch as some sixteenth century revisions and adaptations are inadequate or even impossible to use today, modifications were necessary.”

p.230ff STRUCTURE on Common Liturgy as compared to Common Service

p.231 Invocation

p.232 Confession of Sins/Absolution

p.232 Introit

p.233 Kyrie

p.234 Gloria, Salutation, Collect

p.234 Appointed Old Testament Lesson

p. 234-236 Epistle, Gradual, Gospel

p.235 Creed

p.237 Hymn and Sermon (with votum)

p.237 Offering, then the Offertory

p.238 Prayer of the Church (without Lord’s Prayer)

p.239 Lord’s Prayer

p.240 Preface, Proper Preface, Sanctus

p.240 1st Form: Eucharistic Prayer and then Lord’s Prayer

p.241-243 Pax (Deutsche Messe and free standing altar)

p.243 2nd Form: Word’s of Institution, and then Lord’s Prayer

p.244 Elimination of Exhortation

p.245 Pax turned into a Salutation, Agnus Dei

p.245-246 Distribution words

p.246 Nunc Dimittis and 4 post-communion prayers

p.246 the end is the same

p.246-248 Worship as Repentance

Part II. The Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship.

p.249 Dr. Fred Precht was involved in everything for worship with the LCMS

--LCMS Commission on Worship, 1965-1975, ILCW Commission on Worship, 1966-1976, Commission on Worship, executive secretary, 1978-1987

--Worship Supplement (1969), Contemporary Worship (1969-1976), Lutheran Book of Worship (1978), and Lutheran Worship (1982)

p.249 As early as 1956, the Intersynodical Committee was urging a revised edition of TLH

p.250 1959 LCMS Convention reported the Synod didn’t want a revised edition.

- p.250 1965 Detroit Convention laid out plans for a revised edition of TLH completed by 1970
- p.251 Philip Pfatteicher's official history contradicts Precht's report of Synod's new support
LCA and ALC got Missouri to initiate a request of cooperation with other churches.
- p.253 1966 ILCW formed, at the time of LCMS President Oliver Harms
-By 1969 had produced 10 booklets entitled Contemporary Worship
- p.254 The International Consultation on English Texts (Lord's Prayer, Te Deum)
- p.256 **Worship Supplement (1969)**
--appeared in time for use at the Denver LCMS Convention (1969)

Part III. The ILCW and the Lutheran Book of Worship (1979)

- p.261 The 1965 LCMS Convention (Detroit) authorized a cooperative hymnal venture
- p.261 Commission on Worship, Liturgics, and Hymnody(CWLH) worked secretly
- p.262 April 1963 long-range goals – Unity or Unionism
--To bring together the National Lutheran Council (NLC, 1918- 1967) made up of ALC, LCA
--and the Synodical Council (SC) of LCMS, WELS, etc. not part of NLC
Note 1: In 1967 the LCUSA replaced the NLC, the LCMS joined it but then withdrew in 1977.
Note 2: The LCMS was in fellowship went into fellowship with ALC in 1969
p. 263, "The use of one book encouraged and facilitating the merging of church bodies."
- p.264 Actually the committee was working toward a new book (not the original project)
- p.265 the goal of a universal hymnal in 1980.
- p.266 Ecumenical and modernist assumptions resulting in a different spirit. Hoping the name
"Lutheran" would not be a part of the title. Implications of WCC's *Baptism, Eucharist
and Ministry* document.
- p.268 **Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW 1978)**
- p.268 **Language of Worship**
- p.269 "away from philosophical language and toward evocative images"
- p.270 "It is another way of doing theology and a better way of doing liturgy."
- p.271-272 A number of issues regarding language, etc.
- p.273-277 STRUCTURE of LBW
- p.277 LCMS fellowship with ALC was beginning to fall apart in 1977 ("fellowship in protest")
- p.277-278 July 1977 LCMS Convention (Dallas) did not accept LBW and 6 of the 7 members of
the Commission on Worship resigned. In 1979 the synod resolved to publish its own
hymnal, **Lutheran Worship (1982)**.

Part IV. Lutheran Worship (1982).

- p.281 LCMS Synodical Presidents: Jack Preus (1969-1981), Ralph Bohlmann(1981-1992)
- p.282 Lutheran Worship turned LCMS into a three hymnal synod.
- p.282 By 1989, approximately 250 LCMS parishes a year were abandoning the use of hymnal."
- p.282 "In this regard, LW is not as radical as LBW, which abandoned both the 'Common
Service' and the 1958 'Common Liturgy.'"
- p.282 The "Order of Holy Communion" is the "Common Liturgy" of the 1958 SBH
- p.283 The Papistic Three Year lectionary
- p.284-287 DS I .. non-optional Eucharistic Prayer, Lord's Prayer by congregation,
- p.287-291 DS II

Part V. Hymnal Supplement 98. (1998)

Published by the LCMS Commission on Worship, and not by Concordia Publishing House
p.296 returns to the traditional Response to the Salutation

Part VI. Lutheran Service Book (2006)

p.302 Five separate Divine Services in the LSB

p.303 Divine Service Setting III is astonishingly the “Common Service” with modifications.

p.304 efforts to modernize the language did not draw significant LCMS interest

p.305 in 1999, 53% of LCMS congregations had TLH available, and 36% were still regularly using it, though Lutheran Worship (1982) has been published 18 years earlier.

p.305-309 – in 2003, the Committee finally abandoned the updated language version.

Part VII. Miscellaneous Efforts

p.311-315 **Christian Worship [1993]** –WELS - including the “Common Service” and two others

p.315-317 **Lutheran Hymnary [1996]** –ELS -four Divine Services, one is Common Service

p.317-319 **Ambassador Hymnal [1994]** –AFLC -three Divine Services, one is Common Service

p.319 **Songs of Two Homelands [2002]** – Augustana Liturgy and Common Liturgy

p.319-320 **Reclaim Lutheran Hymn for Church and Home [2006]**

p.320 **Augustana Service Book and Hymnal [1996]**

Conclusion