

Advent Lutheran Church  
Music & Worship Committee Minutes  
August 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:07 pm.

Attending: Greg Komma, Lisa Cook, Pastor Sara (via Zoom), Ann Hibbs.

1. New liturgy for fall
  - Setting 12 in *All Creation Sings*
  - Committee's preference for Communion Liturgy: Form C.
    - Committee doesn't have a congregational copy of ACS (only the liturgical accompaniment) so couldn't see the other options on pp. 56-57, but can reconsider these options in a subsequent month.
  - Will begin new liturgy Sept. 24, and congregation will have an opportunity to practice the new liturgy after church on Sept. 17
  
2. September 10th is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. The ELCA has worship resources for us to use on that day that can be found here:  
[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/GWOH\\_Worship\\_Resource.pdf?\\_ga=2.226816605.1390615667.1692807861-2108479510.1692570676](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/GWOH_Worship_Resource.pdf?_ga=2.226816605.1390615667.1692807861-2108479510.1692570676)
  - Pastor Sara incorporated those resources into a draft worship plan for 9/10.
  - Will still do the current liturgy (not the new setting 12).
  - Pastor Sara suggested the sending hymn "God's Work Our Hands" (ACS 1000), which is to the tune of "Earth and All Stars."
    - Hymn pickers scheduled that as the closing hymn during their earlier meeting.
  
3. Interest in a healing service every 5th Sunday
  - This is something St. Andrew does.
  - The next most reasonable 5th Sundays would be Dec. 31 and June 30 (the other two falling on Reformation and Easter so not practical).
  - Advent has often done a healing service on the first Sunday in January, and is fine with doing a healing service either on Sunday, Dec. 31 or Sunday, Jan. 7.
    - Having a healing service twice a year (give or take) seems like it might be of interest.
  
4. Youth and Education Committee proposed changes
  - The Youth and Education Committee would like to try out doing Sunday School during worship this year.
    - Kids would be excused after the children's sermon.
    - It would be a shortened version of Sunday School so the kids can be back in time for communion.

- Currently, kids are leaving during the sermon to play unsupervised in the nursery, which isn't an ideal situation.
- The children's sermon would be moved so that it happens after the Gloria and before the readings, rather than after the readings as it is now to leave more time for Sunday School.
- This change will start on 9/17 (Rally Sunday).
- Parents of Sunday School-aged children were in favor of the change.
- *Note: each Sunday an usher will need to tell the Sunday School teachers when it's time to bring the kids back to the sanctuary.*

#### 5. Carpet update

- Due to budget concerns, we will not be getting new carpet after all.
- We've been asked to discuss how this affects the previous plan for handbells and report back to Council.
  - Plan: Handbells will continue performing in the back of the sanctuary as we did in May.

#### 6. New business

- Christmas Eve
  - Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year (as does New Year's Eve)
  - Plan:
    - Regular Sunday/4th Sunday in Advent service on Sunday morning
    - Two evening services:
      - One early candlelight service at 4 pm, 6 pm, or 7 pm (will poll congregation in late Oct/early Nov)
      - Candlelight service at 10 pm

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.