

Sample Worship Models Used by the Prayer and Revival Team

The Prayer and Revival Team has several worship models that they can offer as they provide Lutheran revivals. On this site are two examples of the type of worship services that are possible in your ministry setting. Adaptations are possible to adjust to the needs of your context.

Sample 2-“Renewal Through Holy Communion and Healing

The church embraces the ministry of healing as an important way of bringing the loving care of God to people in their need. Although the dimensions of this healing work are many and include a variety of institutions dedicated to it, the ministry of healing has its foundation in the prayer of the worshiping community; whether in the Sunday assembly or where two or three are gathered at a particular time of need.

The church’s ministry of healing emphasizes caring for the sick in the widest possible understanding of that term. Every human person stands in need of healing in some dimension of life. Healing is a gift that need not be limited to those seeking remedy from a specific injury or illness. The Christian assembly at worship may embrace the gift of healing as it applies to various needs—for example, physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational—that may be present among those gathered. Finally, the church’s ministry of healing extends also to those nearing the end of life, as it lifts up in prayer all human decision-making and entrusts the dying into the gracious arms of God.

The liturgical ministry of healing is grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, whose presence we experience tangibly in baptism and the eucharist. In addition to these means of grace in word and sacrament, the ministry of healing has long included the prayer of faith, words of forgiveness and encouragement, and gestures such as the touch of a hand and anointing with oil.

In the rite of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in the community of faith.

Gathering

The gathering may include confession and forgiveness, music and song, a greeting by the presiding minister, and the prayer of the day.

Word*****

Readings

One or more readings from scripture are proclaimed. The Word may be proclaimed in sign, song, drama, art or dance. When the liturgy is celebrated on Sunday, the propers for the day are used, followed by the sermon and hymn of the day.

Song

Hymns, songs, or psalms may be sung by the congregation or choir between the readings and before or after the sermon.

Sermon

The readings, the sacrament of Holy Communion, and healing should be reflected in the preaching. The sermon should prepare the assembly for the liturgy of healing, time of interactive activities, and Holy Communion. The hymn of the day may follow the sermon.

Healing*****

Introduction

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

Our Lord Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. Through prayer in Jesus' name, and by the laying on of hands and anointing, the disciples witnessed to the power and presence of God. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing and hope. We offer our prayers for those who are gathered here, and especially for (name/s). We commend them to the grace of Jesus Christ, that God may ease their suffering and grant them health and salvation.

Prayers of Intercession

A litany or another form of prayer is offered. Prepared or adapted for the particular occasion, the prayer may include the following or similar petitions. And assisting minister may lead the prayer:

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and especially for all those here and around the world
who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.
God of mercy,
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Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.
God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace and reconciliation,
bring an end to the sickness of the world,
especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.
God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one.
May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness,
And bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.
God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this
community, and the world.
God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Other petitions may be offered.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed,
And those whom we remember before you.....
Heal the pain of all who grieve.
God of mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

O God, we bring these intercessions before you,
knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,
and will answer according to the mercy shown in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing of Oil

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

We give you thanks, O God, source of life and health,
for in Jesus you became flesh
and came to know the depth of human suffering.
You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick.

Bless this oil, that all who are anointed with it
may be healed, strengthened, and renewed
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands (and anointing), we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

The assembly is invited into a time of interactive activities for spiritual renewal. Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) approach and, as conditions permit, they may kneel. The minister lays both hands on each person's head and following a brief silence says:

Name,

in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
may you be strengthened
and filled with God's grace,
that you may know
the healing power of the Spirit.

Amen.

The minister may also anoint the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross and saying:

Receive this oil + as a sign
of forgiveness and healing
in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

After receiving laying on of hands (and anointing), people may move to other stations around the worship space for candle lighting, writing on a prayer wall, or conversation with the preacher. People may remain seated for prayer or meditation, gather to pray with others around them, or participate in singing.

After all have returned to their places, the presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.
God of mercy, source of all healing,
we give you thanks
for your gifts of strength and life,
and especially for the gift
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
the health and salvation of the world.

Help us by your Holy Spirit
to feel your power in our lives
and to know your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The liturgy continues with the greeting of peace and the liturgy of the meal.

Meal*****

Prayer After Communion

After the communion, an assisting minister may lead the following or a similar prayer:

Generous God, you sent your Son to be the bread of life,
and you give us also the cup of blessing.
We give you thanks and praise for this sacrament of healing.

Strengthen us by the power of this gift of heavenly food,
that we may all be healed

and be filled with faith and hope in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending*****

Blessing

The presiding minister blesses the assembly:

May the God of all consolation bless you in every way
and grant you hope all the days of your life.
May God restore you to health and grant you salvation.
May God fill your heart with peace and lead you to eternal life.
Almighty God bless you,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal

The assisting minister may send the assembly forth:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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