

Pastor Dan -

New Worship Experience

As most of you know we will be introducing an updated version of our traditional worship in our Sept. 9th service. I thought it only fair to try and explain my reasoning for this so, bear with me as my thoughts fall to the page.

We look at our churches today and so many have fallen away from using any kind of a liturgical service. It's not that they don't have a certain order to them, it's more that they have taken out what many consider to be the best parts of the traditional liturgy we know and love.

They say they do this because they've become nothing more than mantra, or they're boring, or they don't mean anything to anybody any more. So they have replaced them with contemporary songs and bright lights. Often times the only scripture read is if it happens to be in the pastor's sermon text.

In a way I understand. If you grew up in the LCMS like I have and are over 50, you probably have pages 5 and 15 from the Old Blue Hymnal still memorized. In many ways they give us warm fuzzy feelings because they bring back our younger years, but new people coming into our churches today who did not grow up in that tradition might find them a bit....dated.

But I think our liturgy is beautiful and should be preserved so Jeff and I have attempted to bring the words of our traditional service to the 21st century in order that both those who remember the traditions, and those visiting our church for the first time, might enjoy it together. You will hear and learn new songs with the same beautiful words you have always worshiped to, done with new updated melodies, written by our own Jeff Kranich. You will enjoy new additions done musically that you have already learned.

Our goal is to create one type of service that all can enjoy so that we might be one church and not two - one traditional and one contemporary. We ask you for patience during this 6 week trial and we very much look forward to your comments. This is not written in stone. It will never be forced upon you. We just hope you find it worshipful and uplifting.