

Bibliography for Conducting the Lutheran Liturgy

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Preaching the Historic Lectionary

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Underlined titles indicate that the resource is a must-have volume for the conducting of the services and should be purchased before ordination.

I. Primary Resources for the Common Service in the LCMS.

All of these except The Lutheran Lectionary are necessary to conduct the Common Service (LSB p. 184, TLH. p. 15). Most of them are also necessary to conduct the post-1970 services as well.

Celebrants Notation for The Lutheran Hymnal. St. Louis: Concordia Seminary Press, Winter 1966.

Before the production of LSB – which includes the pastor's chant right in the services – this little reprint was the only place besides *The Music for the Liturgy* (see below) to find the tones needed for the Celebrant to chant the main service. These are the most basic tones. It is a good place to start if the pastor wants to start chanting parts of the Divine Office. More historic and beautiful tones are found in the Liber and elsewhere.

Gehrke, Ralph, Planning the Service: A Workbook for Pastors, Organists, and Choirmasters. Fort Wayne: Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 1961.

This is an indispensable resource for using the Historic Lectionary. In this volume Gehrke reintroduced the Missouri Synod to the Hymn of the Day and he provides a nice list of suggested hymns and summaries for every Sunday of the Church Year. The Hymn Selection Companion for LSB seeks to replace this – but lacks the good liturgical notes of Gehrke – buy both.

"General Rubrics." The Lutheran Liturgy. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 417–425.

These are reprinted in *The Conduct of the Services* (see below). The list of the general rubrics is from the Altar Book for TLH. It does not, however, contain the Lectionary. The General Rubrics here are the guidelines for conducting the services in the LCMS. LW/LSB never replaced them.

Leupold, Ulrich S., and Helmut T. Lehmann (eds.), Luther's Works, Volume 53: Liturgy and Hymns. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1965.

Here are Luther's Latin and German Masses. The Latin Mass is the basis of the Common Service. Included in this volume are also Luther's hymns and the Occasional Rites he wrote. This is the most important volume of the fifty-five.

The Lutheran Agenda. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

This volume contains the Occasional Services for TLH. The LW Agenda is stronger. The LSB Agenda is stronger again. But there are some things in here worth having, particularly Cranmer's weaving together of Bible passages at the Burial and Marriage Rites, as well as the Prayer at the Burial of a Stillborn. The prayer is very good for any uncertain death. The daily prayer for the pastor is good also. One should also have a copy of the Pastoral Companion from TLH as well. Owning all three large agendas (TLH, LW, LSB) is very helpful to trace the development of our Synod's theology and expression of the faith.

The Lutheran Hymnal (1941). Lutheran Worship (1982). Lutheran Service Book (2006). St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

The Lutheran Lectionary/LSB One-Year Lectionary. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

The old TLH Lutheran Lectionary contained the historic Epistles and Gospels in KJV – the LSB Lectionary contains these as well as a series of OT readings in ESV. The great omission in both volumes is that the graduals, verses, and tracts are not included. This volume is not strictly needed – the list of readings and a Bible is all you need, especially since you will also have to use some other volume for the gradual and verse/tract. But it is useful as a Gospel Book if a proper one is not available.

Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

This contains all the LSB services and the basic rubrics so far as they go – it can also be used in congregations that use TLH. It is very bulky since not only the Historic Lectionary but also the post-Vatican II 3-year lectionary is included. This book contains the collects, graduals, verses, and tracts – but not the readings. This is the great weakness in all American Lutheran service books and has not been corrected with LSB: one cannot conduct the whole service from one book (a Missal). A Lutheran Missal compatible with the Common Service tradition is in the works from Emmanuel Press – watch for it in years to come.

The Music for the Liturgy of the Lutheran Hymnal. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1944.

This volume is available from CTS as a reprint. It has the official chant tones for TLH. Notice the publication date: three years after the arrival of TLH. The Synod put TLH in the hands of the people with notation for the laity but none for the Celebrant. In ignorance of the rubrics, because they are in a separate volume, the Liturgy cited above, our congregations followed what they saw in the hymnal. Thus, the pastor spoke and the people responded in chant. But this was never the intent and should be corrected as much as possible. LSB, of course, is the official triumph of this correction: the pastor's chant is back in front of the eyes of the people.

Polack, W. G., The Handbook to the Lutheran Hymnal, 3rd Ed. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1958.

This rare book provides a history of the hymns and tunes in the TLH, the original texts, omitted stanzas, and information on the authors and composers. If your congregation uses TLH this book is a necessity. A similar volume will be forthcoming for LSB.

Precht, Fred L., Lutheran Worship: Hymnal Companion. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1992.

This is the LW counterpart to The Handbook to the Lutheran Hymnal; if your congregation uses LW this is a necessity

Precht, Fred L., Lutheran Worship: History and Practice. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1993.

This collection of essays on the history and use of the liturgy and the liturgical year is a must read introduction to the topic.

II. Secondary sources for the Conduct of the Common Service in the LCMS: Rubrics & Ceremony

A. First Tier: Must Haves for Planning & Conducting the Divine Service

1. Understanding and performing the Ceremonies and Rubrics

Piepkorn & McClean. *The Conduct of the Services*. Redeemer Press, 2006

This is a vital resource for intelligently and reverently conducting the Lutheran Liturgy. Piepkorn provides the most authoritative, Lutheran commentary and description of the "General Rubrics." He only deals with the Divine Service. McClean provides a nice updating of Piepkorn's work which considers free standing altars and adds the conduct of Matins and Vespers. McClean also includes footnotes and sources that are very helpful. Now both works are available under one cover with indexes, diagrams, and pictures from Redeemer Press.

Lang, Paul H. D., *Ceremony and Celebration*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1965.

Lang provides a very nice description of the conduct of the Service including the role of deacons and subdeacons, as well as some explanation of the liturgy and ceremonies. This is a very nice introductory book. It is the best book to give to laymen who are first awakening to the beauty and joys of the liturgy. It is available from Redeemer Press as a reprint.

Davies, John Gordon. *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1986.

Very comprehensive. This is often the quickest way to find an answer. While there is almost always a Lutheran section, it is well worth your time to read the whole article.

Shepherd, Massey H. *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. New York: Oxford, 1950.

Shepherd gives the sources and history for the Book of Common Prayer. Much of that book, including the collects, lies behind TLH and ultimately LW and even LSB. This is a great source, but hard to find. \$75 for a beat-up, used copy is a good price.

Benedictines of Solesmes (eds.), *The Liber Usualis with Introduction and Rubrics in English*. Belgium: Society of St. John the Evangelist, 1947.

This is the book Luther used and to which his modifications were made. Often Luther states that we should simply leave the practice and Rite alone but doesn't give the text. This is it. Thus it is really invaluable as a primary source when working with Luther or trying to find what the tradition actually is. This book is in Latin and is very expensive (expect to pay over \$100 used) – you can put off buying it for a while as long as you can get hold of a good pre-Vatican II Missal (both the Missale Romanum and an English people's Missal) – but a Missal will not have the Divine Office (Matins, Vespers, etc.) only the Divine Service (Mass). Nor will a people's Missal include the chant tones that are in the Liber.

Missale Romanum.

This is the pre-Vatican II Roman Missal – the book from which the Celebrant conducts the entire service: it includes the entire ordinary and propers of the Mass and quite a few for the Divine Office as well. It is completely in Latin and is available for free as a pdf. It is included on the LPLC Resource CD.

Daughter's of Saint Paul. Saint Paul Daily Missal. St. Paul's Editions, 1959.

There are several good editions of pre-Vatican II Missals in English – you can find this one or another like it on ebay, bookfinder.com, or at papist parish garage sales. This edition includes most of the propers in both Latin and English as well as the ordinary in Latin and English with English rubrics. It can be used in place of the Liber for reference or better yet in addition to it to help sort it out.

Cantica Sacra. Magdeburg Cathedral Book, 1613.

This is an early Lutheran Missal and service book from 1613 for the cathedral of Magdeburg. The text is in Latin. Through the kind work of several Lutheran professors and pastors (Joseph Herl, William Weedon, Benjamin Mayes, Al Colver) this is available as a free pdf. It is included on the LPLC resource CD.

Fortescue, Adrian. The Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described. The Saint Austin Press, 1996. Originally published by Burnes and Oates Ltd. 1962.

This is the authoritative ceremonial and rubric book for pre-Vatican II Rome. It is dense, but essential. Be wary of similar books by the same title that deal with the Vatican II Rites. This latest original publishing date should be 1962. St. Austin Press didn't publish this, they merely reprinted it in 1996. I recently found this at a very affordable price at bookfinder.com

Elliott, Peter J. Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite. Ignatius: 1995.

This is a post-Vatican II commentary on the rubrics of the Mass. The post-Vatican II Lutheran Liturgies (the LW services included in LSB) are born of the same mindset as gave rise to Elliott's work. In many ways Elliott can be even more helpful to us than Fortescue from the point of view of practical use: for most of the Vatican II liturgical reforms were very much in line with the Lutheran revision of the Mass (generally simpler and more straightforward rubrics – yet still very reverent and detailed). Elliott is available for a low cost on bookfinder.com.

2. Understanding the Church Year

Parsch, Pius, The Church's Year of Grace: 5 Volumes. Tr. Rev. William G. Heidt. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1964.

This is the premier text on the historic propers and the meaning and place of each Sunday and Festival in the Church Year. Parsch is very grace-oriented for a papist. The translation is beautiful. Very often the only sermon preparation I need to do is to read Parsch. Note: Lindemann's *The Sermon and the Propers* is the Lutheran attempt at Parsch. Indeed Lindemann takes entire paragraphs and pages out of Parsch without credit! He does have some of his own stuff in here as well as some nice Gerhard sermons. At times, it seems as though Parsch has a better understanding of the Gospel than Lindemann does. Lindemann's strength is in the seasonal explanations and he brings all the texts around to emphasize the Eucharist and encourage every Sunday communion. So buy Parsch first, and if you every master him pick up Lindemann.

Jungmann, Rev. Joseph A., The Mass of the Roman Rite. Tr. Rev. Francis A. Brunner. New York: Benziger Brothers, Inc., 1959.

This is the classic Roman commentary on the Roman Rite. It is very informative. It is also the most authoritative text for the meaning of the liturgy and its history. The translation is available in the abridged volume above, missing mainly footnotes, or in a two volume set. It is also unfortunately quite expensive. You can get by with Reed until you can find a copy of Jungmann cheap enough to purchase.

Reed, Luther D., The Lutheran Liturgy: A Study of the Common Service of the Lutheran Church in America. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1947.

This is the classic Lutheran textbook. It is really the early American Lutheran counterpart of Jungmann/Elliott – though it is far less detailed on the exact ceremonies and rubrics. In some ways, Reed was the dean of the Lutheran Liturgical renewal.

3. Altar Guild Helps

Lang, Paul H. D., What An Altar Guild Should Know. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1964.

This is the classic LCMS Altar Guild manual. It has some nice diagrams and descriptions. It is well worth owning.

Maxwell, Lee A., The Altar Guild Manual. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1996.

This is the updated version of Lang's original manual.

4. Journals

Gottesdienst. Eckardt, Burnell F. (ed.), Kewanee, IL: Evangelical–Lutheran Liturgical Press.

I count this journal as the premier modern on-going commentary on the Liturgy. I don't always agree with it. But they are dealing with the things I am interested in: the Historic Lectionary, the Historic Evangelical Mass, the traditional ceremonies, and preaching. And they do it with serious Theological integrity and faithfulness to the Lutheran Confessions. The Gottesdienst Octoberfest on Sunday and Monday of Columbus day each October in Kewanee, IL, is the largest gathering for LCMS pastors who are serious about the liturgy.

The Bride of Christ. Oxford, MI: Lutheran Liturgical Renewal, Inc.

This journal is the main heir to the important early journal of the St. James' Society Una Sancta. It is not, however, the only heir. Unfortunately, publication has become quite spotty lately.

5. Web Resources

www.zenit.org

Zenit is the news agency of the Vatican. It has a weekly liturgy Q/A column from a professor of liturgics in Rome. It is often very useful for Lutherans.

www.redeemer-fortwayne.org

This is the website of Redeemer Lutheran in Ft. Wayne. Pastor Petersen's blog often has excellent discussions of liturgical topics. You can also find wonderful sermons, Pastoral Resources (see especially Petersen's notes on the ceremonies and mechanics of hearing Confession), the Lutheran Liturgical Wiki, and links to other great Lutheran blogs here.

B. Second Tier: Other useful resources you can live without, but may want to pick up.

Brauer, James L., *Meaningful Worship*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1994.

Brunner, Peter, *Worship in the Name of Jesus*. Tr. M. H. Bertram. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1968.

This is the classic volume of the Lutheran Theology of Worship.

Lamburn, E. C. R. (ed.), *Ritual Notes: A Comprehensive Guide to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Book of Common Prayer of the English Church*. London. W. Knott & Son Limited, 1964.

This is the Anglo–Catholic rubrical description and commentary. It is very informative and often better written than Fortescue.

Mueller, John Baptist, *Handbook of Ceremonies: For Priests and Seminarians*. Ed. Adam Ellis. St. Louis: B. Herder Book Co., 1958.

Myers, Kenneth A., *All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes: Christians & Popular Culture*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1989.

An interesting analysis of the problems with bringing pop culture into the ceremonies and music of the Church. A bit dated now.

O'Connell, J. O., *The Celebration of Mass: A Study of the Rubrics of the Roman Missal*. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Company, 1940.

This is a very detailed description of the Pre–Vatican II Mass. It is more detailed in ways than Fortescue for O'Connell also describes bad practice and includes photographs. Unfortunately, this is out of print. You can get it through inter–library loan and photocopy it.

Pfatteicher, Philip H., and Carlos R. Messerli. "*Manual on the Liturgy*." *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1979.

This is interesting because LBW is more serious about things like the Easter Vigil and the use of deacons.

Reed, Luther D., *Worship: A Study of Corporate Devotion*. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1959.

Reuning, Daniel G., *Lutheran Worship Prospectus Appendix*. Fort Wayne: Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 1988.

There is a lot in these notes, diagrams, journal articles, even several bibliographies. They are well worth having.

Senn, Frank C., *Christian Liturgy*. Catholic and Evangelical. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997.

Senn is not as interested in the Lutheran Liturgy and the 16th Century as he is in all of the Western Church. He sees Liturgy as a means to achieving unity.

Stauffer, S. Anita, *Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2000.

Not really very helpful but there are a couple of nice illustrations.

Strodach, Paul Z., *A Manual on Worship: Venite Adoremus*. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1946.

Other Hymnals and sources for understanding the Common Service and Lutheran Worship, some following the Roman reforms of the 2nd Vatican Council

Caraman, Philip, and James Walsh, *The Fulton J. Sheen Sunday Missal*. New York: Hawthorn Books, Inc., 1961.

This pre–Vatican II Missal is valuable for it provides the full Rite and rubrics in both English and Latin. It is useful for deciphering the Liber.

Commission on Worship, *Worship Supplement*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1969.

Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church. Philadelphia: The Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America, 1918.

Evangelical Lutheran Hymn–Book. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

Hymnal Supplement 98 Grime, Paul, and Joseph Herl (Eds.), St. Louis: CPH, 1998.

Lefebvre, Dom Gaspar, *The Saint Andrew Daily Missal: With Vespers for Sundays and Feast and Kyriale*. Great Falls, MT: St. Bonaventure Publications, 1999.

Lutheran Book of Worship, Inter–Lutheran Commission on Worship. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1978.

The People's Anglican Missal. Athens, GA: The Anglican Parishes Association, 1995.

This is the easiest Missal to follow. Its translation is generally better than the Latin–English Missals.

Service Book and Hymnal of the Lutheran Church in America, Music Ed., 1958.

This Hymnal contains nearly the same Common Service as TLH but with several things fixed. It also follows a different set of OT readings for the Historic Lectionary which I find superior. The hymns are weaker than TLH.

Anglican Missal on–line

<http://societies.anglican.org/anglocatholic/anglicanmissal/missal.htm>

Here is another way to get the full Propers for almost any day. Using the on–line resource means they do some of the thinking for you. Missals can be hard to figure out sometimes.

Barbee, C. Frederick, and Paul F. M. Zahl, *The Collects of Thomas Cranmer*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1999.

This book gives the Collect and also some history behind it. The devotions based on the Collect are hit or miss. But the information on the Collects is very useful.

Historic Lectionary on-line: <http://lectionary.stanlemon.net/>

From the site: "Welcome to the Historic Lectionary Online Project (HLOP). This project is dedicated to preserving the lectionary which the historic church used and providing services which aide Pastors and Lay People in preparation of the liturgy and for personal devotion." Lemon provides the Propers for any day in any Bible translation you want. He follows the TLH Old Testament lessons.

Krause, George, *The Pastor at Prayer*. Fort Wayne: Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 1998.

Lectionary Central: for the study and use of the traditional Western lectionary

<http://www.episcopalians.org/austin/lectionary/index.html>

Click on any Sunday and get the full Propers plus links to sermons by the fathers, Luther, and, yes, Zwingli and Calvin. This is a very useful site.

Lindemann, Herbert, *The Daily Office*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1965.

Lindemann gives a lot of nice litanies, hymns, and other resources by the day. Unfortunately he does not credit his sources or provide tunes.

Nesper, Paul W., *Biblical Texts*. Fort Wayne: Concordia Theological Seminary Press.

Nesper lists all the lectionaries of the synodical conference. He also gives passages for confirmation, funerals, and other occasions.

Strodach, Paul Z., *The Church Year: Studies in the Introits, Collects, Epistles and Gospels*. Philadelphia: The United Lutheran Publication House, 1924.

Talley, Thomas J., *The Origins of the Liturgical Year, Second Emended Edition*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1991.

III. Resources for Preaching the Historic Lectionary

See Parsch's *The Church's Year of Grace* above.

Franzmann, Martin H. *Ha! Ha! Among the Trumpets* St. Louis: CPH, 1994.

Here are 15 sermons by Martin Franzmann. I return to them again and again. Nothing inspires me to preach so much as 4 or 5 of these sermons.

Petersen, David H. www.redeemer-fortwayne.org

Petersen has a powerful and direct preaching style that served as an anecdote to the schmarm of most of modern preaching – at least for me (HRC). The database of sermons here is searchable by text, season, day of year, etc. I often turn here to get that kernel of an idea around which to build my sermon.

Bird, Chad. *Lutheran Sermons*. Emmanuel Press, 2005.

Bird's style is bracing and often breath-taking – especially in his skill of weaving in biblical motifs from the OT.

Nagel, Norman Edgar, *Selected Sermons of Norman Nagel: from Valparaiso to St. Louis*. Edited by Frederick W. Baue. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2004.

Nagel can teach us all something about words of grace. His eloquent and unexpected style carries the Gospel as far as any preacher ever has. A particular bonus is that this volume largely follows the Historic Lectionary.

Luther Preaching:

Klug, Eugene F. A., ed. Sermons of Martin Luther: The House Postils Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996, 3 volumes. (self explanatory)

Lenker, John Nicholas, ed. Sermons of Martin Luther Grand Rapids: Baker Reprint, 1996, 8 volumes. (Church Postil sermons available here: <http://www.orldutheran.com/html/mlserms.html>)

Pahl, PD. Luther for the Busy Man. Pahl does a wonderful service here by cutting each of the House Postil sermons down to their essentials. If you've ever tired of reading a Luther sermon because of its rambling length, try Pahl.

Scaer, David P., In Christ: The Collected Works of David P. Scaer, Lutheran Confessor. Edited by Peter C. Bender, Susan E. Gehlbach, Lawrence R. Rast, and Ralph G. Tausz. Vol 1, Sermons. Sussex, Wisconsin: Concordia Catechetical Academy, 2004.

These chatty sermons by Dr. Scaer show something about connecting theology to life.

Sermons by Rev. William Cwirla: <http://www.holytrinity.ms/sermons.htm>

These are some of the best modern sermons anywhere.

Hohle, Elmer M. Tr. Postilla: An Explanation of the Sunday and Most Important Festival Gospels of the Whole Year, Volume 1: Sermons for the Church Year from Advent through Pentecost by Johann Gerhard Malone, Texas: The Center for the Study of Lutheran Orthodoxy, 2003.

Safire, William Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History. Revised and expanded edition. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1997.

This isn't a book of sermons. It is a book of speeches. Safire introduces each speech with its historic context and also to alert the reader to certain techniques. His introduction to the book and to each speech is an excellent text-book on sermon writing.

<http://historiclectionary.com/>

The site run by Rev. Todd Peperkorn serves mainly preachers and preparing them for the upcoming Sunday or season.

<http://www.goodshepherd.nb.ca/lectio/>

This site is all links. But there are some nice things here collected for you. Links include sermon archives of Aaron Koch, Todd Peperkorn, William Weedon, and David Petersen on the Historic Lectionary as well as Tim Pauls and Michael McCoy on the 3-Year. There are also links to exegetical helps and other items of interest.