



Trial Worship Option Starting May 7

A few years ago Augsburg Fortress produced a series of resources under the title *Worship Matters*. In the introduction to *Worship*, the following statement is one answer to the question.

*The reasons we worship are...complex and rich. We may find ourselves living in the beautiful tension of a Lutheran **and** when we...*

- * *Gather with fellow Christians to confess our sin **and** hear God's word of forgiveness.*
- * *Hear the word proclaimed—law **and** gospel—in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*
- * *Eat the bread and drink the wine of communion **and** become the very body of Christ that we receive.*
- * *Pray for the great needs of the whole creation **and** are empowered by the triune God to be a living presence of faith, hope, and love in the midst of the needs of the community and the world.*

Currently, Trinity has two options for worship: Contemporary Service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Tradition Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. At its April meeting, the Worship Committee decided to offer on, a trial basis, a third opportunity to worship, to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

This is not an attempt to bring back the former Early Service which was similar in format to the later service. This service will consist of the following:

- * The service will be approximately 30 minutes.
- * It will be a spoken service with no music or hymns.
- * It will follow the structure of the liturgy.
- * Communion will be at the communion rail, using wafers and individual cups. Participants have the option to stand or kneel.
- * The sermon will be the same as the one preached at the other two services.
- * We will focus on two readings rather than the traditional four.

This service will be start on May 7 and run through June 11. After that six-week trial period, the Worship Committee will review the response and then make a recommendation as to whether or not to offer this service in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Dennis Kelly, Interim Pastor