



Worship

Lesson 15



Open in Prayer

1. WORSHIP is a _____. It's an action word.
2. What is the central focus of our worship? _____
3. How is that evident here at St. John?

4. Worship is "corporate", something we do with others as a group, as well as "individual", something we do individually as a unique child of God. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25** and discuss how this verse relates to "worship" and our relationships with others. What does it say to you and your family? Your future?

5. St. John has two different styles of corporate worship.
 - a. The traditional service called Majestic Grace (8:15am) has a strong liturgical flow that is found in many LCMS congregations. There are many specific elements found in the traditional service, (Invocation, readings from the lectionary, Kyrie, Agnes Dei, Preface and Proper Preface, etc.)
 - b. The contemporary service called NewSong (11:00am) has a very informal, music-heavy style that is less common in the LCMS but is growing in popularity in some churches. This flow of worship, however, is common in many non-denominational churches. While it may not have as many specific liturgical elements as the traditional service, it does have the basics and foundational elements of worship.

6. Imagine the above two styles of worship were *pizzas*! Which style of worship would be the Plain Cheese Pizza and which style would be the All Meat/Supreme Pizza? Why?

7. Some (and only some) key aspects of Worship:
- a. Invocation (Beginning worship, calling on God, using His name; Trinitarian)
 - b. Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)
 - c. Scripture Readings
 - i. Old Testament
 - ii. Epistle
 - iii. Gospel
 - d. Sermon
 - e. Holy Communion
 - f. Benediction (Numbers 6:24)

8. In general, what is your favorite part of a worship service? Why?

9. In general, what is your least favorite part and why?

10. What are some of your favorite songs/hymns we sing?

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