Responses of 613 randomly selected ELCA attendees

More About Worship Here

1. Do you personally have any specific role in worship here such as planning or leading worship, reading Scripture, serving Communion, being in the choir, or being an usher or acolyte?
   - 24.7% Yes, frequently
   - 21.4 Yes, occasionally
   - 52.4 No
   - 1.5 I do not regularly attend here

2. Think about the worship services you attended here in the last year. How often did they . . .

	Often	Some-times	Rarely/ Never
Make you feel closer to God?	69.6%	28.1%	2.3%
Challenge you to lead a more faithful life?	63.9	33.0	3.1
Encourage you to respond to the needs of others?	55.5	41.4	3.1
Deepen your understanding of your faith?	56.6	39.9	3.5
Make you want to learn more about God?	53.1	42.2	4.7
Prepare you to face life's challenges?	51.7	44.6	3.7
Help you grow spiritually?	58.1	38.4	3.5
Make you want to share your faith?	40.6	50.8	8.7
Give you an opportunity to thank God?	82.0	16.3	1.7
Help you relate your faith to society?	44.8	49.5	5.7

3. While all worship services include some of these aspects, which is usually ***most important*** to you? (Mark ***one***.)
   - 10.4% Mystery and awe in the presence of God
   - 36.4 Clear and relevant preaching of God's word
   - 39.6 Feeling moved by the power of God's Spirit
   - 10.2 Being moved to care for others
   - 3.5 None of the above

4. What are the two main reasons you attend worship services? (Mark up to ***two***.)
   - 3.8% It is my duty
   - 4.2 Out of habit
   - 61.2 To worship or experience God
   - 28.5 To receive Holy Communion/Eucharist/Lord's Supper
   - 14.2 I need a time of prayer or reflection
   - 3.4 I like to keep the family together
   - 13.5 To make sure my children are exposed to the faith
   - 13.7 To learn more about the faith
   - 27.6 For encouragement and inspiration
   - 6.7 To feel a sense of community
   - 2.6 It is wrong to miss worship without good reason
   - 1.3 Other (specify):

5. If others who worship here wanted a different style of worship, what do you think the congregation should do? (Mark ***one***.)
   - 15.9% Include different styles in one service
   - 40.7 Offer different services with different worship styles
   - 12.6 Offer the style that the majority of worshipers want
   - 17.3 Continue with the way we currently worship
   - 13.5 Not sure

6. To what extent does this congregation offer opportunities for worshipers to help plan and lead worship services?
   - 39.9% Those who worship here play an ***important role*** in planning and leading worship
   - 35.7 Those who worship here are ***somewhat*** involved in planning and leading worship
   - 3.9 Those who worship here are ***not*** involved in planning or leading worship
   - 20.6 Don't know

7. To what extent does each of the following make a worship service meaningful for you?

	Very Much	Some	Not At All
Congregational singing	71.8%	26.5%	1.7%
Other music	50.9	45.1	4.0
Sermon or homily	82.3	17.3	0.4
Prayer	78.3	20.9	0.8
Communion/Eucharist/Lord's Supper	82.6	16.3	1.1
Reading of Scriptures	64.9	33.0	2.1
Traditional symbols or rituals	31.4	58.8	9.9
Contemporary worship or informality	30.6	54.3	15.1
Sharing the experience with others	42.3	49.9	7.8
The setting where worship takes place	39.4	48.3	12.4
Baptisms, confirmations, and other similar rituals	43.9	51.3	4.8
Call to public commitment/altar call	12.6	53.5	33.8

8. While both may be important to you, which do you ***most*** prefer?
   - 35.8% Worship that is quiet and reflective
   - 46.8 Worship that is enthusiastic and energetic
   - 17.4 No preference

9. While both may be important to you, which do you ***most*** prefer?
   - 40.3% Worship that is consistent from week to week
   - 44.0 Worship that offers new experiences each week
   - 15.7 No preference

10. How often are the sermons here . . .

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Educational	59.0%	40.1%	0.9%
Inspirational	71.0	28.1	0.9
Comforting	61.9	37.4	0.7
Challenging	48.1	49.1	2.7
Relevant	67.2	31.6	1.2

Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

11. I look forward each week to coming to worship here.
    - 47.7% Strongly agree
    - 43.4 Agree
    - 7.1 Neutral or unsure
    - 0.3 Disagree
    - 0.2 Strongly disagree
    - 1.4 I do not regularly attend here

12. Worship services here need to be more appealing to youth.
    - 19.8% Strongly agree
    - 37.2 Agree
    - 31.7 Neutral or unsure
    - 10.4 Disagree
    - 0.9 Strongly disagree

13. The worship services here appeal to those who do not usually attend anywhere.
    - 13.7 Strongly agree
    - 43.8 Agree
    - 34.7 Neutral or unsure
    - 6.7 Disagree
    - 1.1 Strongly disagree

14. Overall, people here welcome new styles of worship.
    - 8.2% Strongly agree
    - 40.0 Agree
    - 38.6 Neutral or unsure
    - 12.3 Disagree
    - 0.9 Strongly disagree