

2009 Global Mission Lenten Series

Week Two Worship Resources

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Confession and Forgiveness

In our local Japanese setting, Confession and Forgiveness nearly always begins worship. It is not associated with Holy Communion only. Consider having a service of Corporate Confession and Forgiveness (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pew edition pages 238-242). For the Old Testament reading, consider reading the Ten Commandments together.

Offering Prayer

After the offering has been collected from the congregation and given to the presiding minister, a member of the congregation will stand to offer a prayer. The prayer is unique to the individual. In addition to giving thanks to God, the prayer usually includes something about the sermon that was meaningful, a personal issue of concern, as well as an issue affecting the congregation.

Blessing

The blessing concludes by singing a threefold “Amen” similar to the ones found in the *Service Book and Hymnal* (pew edition pages 40 and 70).

Hymn Suggestions

From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

530 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

718 In A lowly Manger Born

792 When Memory Fades

887 This Is My Song