



2010 Praise Offering Service

The Word Made Flesh

Planning Notes

Service

Provided in this package is the complete liturgy and meditations to be used for the Praise Offering Service. Permission is granted to reproduce it as is.

You will find a downloadable version of the service on our website at http://www.elw.ca/Praise_Offering_Service.aspx. Use this format to make the required deletions or additions for your particular setting.

The framework for the liturgy is found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (W)* and is based on Holy Communion Setting Ten.

It is important, in preparing the worship bulletin, that the five ELCIC strategic directions are included, as they are referred to in the adult meditation.

Alternatives

The Praise Offering may be incorporated into a service in which there is no communion. In this case the prepared liturgy can still be used. Omit those parts under the heading “Meal” and go directly to the heading “Sending” This change can be pointed out during the announcements at the beginning of the service.

Meditations and Prayers

Utilize the gifts and abilities of as many ELW participants as possible in the planning and carrying out of the service. The adult and children’s meditations, as well as the readings, should be given out ahead of time to the people selected to deliver them during the service.

Liturgy & Music

Hymns may be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (W)*.

Since some of the hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* may be new, the pastor/worship committee may want to introduce the new hymns several weeks prior to the event.

Congregations are encouraged to use the ELW theme song (printed on the back of the 2010 bulletin/yearbook cover) as one of the choices for this year’s service. “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord” is taken from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, #573.



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Other Hymn Suggestions

	<i>W</i>	<i>WOV</i>
One Bread, One Body	496	710
Word of God, Come Down on Earth	510	716
God is Here!	526	719
To Be Your Presence	546	
We All Are One in Mission	576	755
All Are Welcome	641	
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending	678	
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace	684	757
We Are Called	720	
Borning Cry	732	770
God the Sculptor of the Mountains	736	
Touch the Earth Lightly	739	
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens	771	
Have You Thanked the Lord?	829	
Let All Things Now Living	881	

Bulletin Cover

The annual ELW bulletin/yearbook cover is available for use as the cover for the service. They may be ordered (at least three weeks in advance of the service date) for a cost of 18¢ each from the ELW office—E: elwinc@elcic.ca, P: 204.984.9160, F: 204.984.9162, W: <http://www.elw.ca/Order.aspx>

Quantities are limited so order early. A sample may be viewed on the ELW website at http://www.elw.ca/market_place.aspx.

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Offering Envelopes

Provide Praise Offering envelopes for each ELW participant. You may also want to consider giving an envelope with a note about the service to each family in the congregation in advance of the service date. To order: (10¢ ea.) contact the ELW office.

Offering

Eighty percent (up to \$100,000) of the Praise Offering is given as a gift by ELW to support the mission and ministry of the ELCIC. The remaining amount is designated by the ELW board in consultation with ELW and ELCIC staff, to support specific initiatives of the ELCIC.





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Pam Radunsky is president of ELW. The theme for this year, “The Word Made Flesh,” resonates with Pam on many levels: As a woman of faith; a wife in a marriage of 35 years and counting; one who has struggled with the pain of infertility; as a mother who joyfully welcomed two adopted children; who mourns the loss of one, while celebrating the joining in marriage of another; a doting grandmother; a daughter; a sister... and countless other ways of experiencing flesh in this world.

Pam is deeply committed to the Praise Offering program of ELW, viewing it as an integral way ELW offers support and works in partnership with the ELCIC.