



## PLC WORSHIP PRINCIPLES

**Prairie Lutheran Church embraces the Five Holy Habits as guiding principles for its ministry.** One of the Holy Habits is **Worship**. The following are guiding principles which inform our programming, staffing and budgeting.

**Worship is our response to the presence of God.** God initiates worship. Everything that we do in worship becomes a dialogue with God. Worship is embracing God's embrace. (Psalm 100:1-2)

**Our worship is Christian.** We acknowledge the triune nature of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Savior and Sustainer as revealed in Scripture. The birth, death and resurrection of Jesus is the central influence to our worship. (Mark 1:9-11)

**Our worship is Lutheran.** This grants us great freedom of expression in our worship. We understand that there are only two guiding principles: the church exists when 1. The Word of God is proclaimed, and 2. The Sacraments are celebrated. This also grants us access to great traditions in our worship. Musical, liturgical, artistic and cultural traditions connect us to a rich heritage and inspire contemporary creativity. (I Cor. 11:23-25 & I Cor. 15:3-5)

**Our worship is evangelical.** We have an eye to welcoming the stranger. We invite and appreciate guests and visitors to join us in our worship. We are sensitive to avoid insider language while retaining foundational words and phrases. The Gospel message is Good News for all people. (I Cor. 14:18-19)

**Our worship is corporate.** We gather regularly with one another. The church is the body of Christ and this body is nourished by fellowship around the proclaimed Word and prepared table. We gather regularly with our whole selves. The arts enable us to connect with God through all of our senses. (Acts 2:42-43)

**Weekly worship is celebrated on Sunday morning.** This is a core practice that anchors us to the day of the first resurrection. While it may be convenient to offer worship at other times on a weekend, part of Christian discipleship is formed by gathering on The Lord's Day. (Luke 24:1)