Season/Day: Ordinary Time

Liturgy: Service of the Word

Book: *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978)

*Notes:*

* *This service should be used only when no ordained presbyter (pastor) is presiding. If an ordained presbyter is presiding, use the Holy Communion liturgy instead.*
* *Additional details and guidance are on the second page.*

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

p.126 Dialog (“Holy is the Lord, the Almighty…”)

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#18 Old Testament Canticle: *Benedicite, omnia opera* (“All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord…”)

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First Lesson

p.\_\_\_ Psalm

Second Lesson

#11 Response: “Now Listen, You Servants of God”

Sermon

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

Offering

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#21 New Testament Canticle: *Magna et mirabilia* (“O Ruler of the universe, Lord God…”)

p.130 Benediction

#\_\_\_\_ Hymn

Explanatory Material

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| #\_\_\_\_ Hymn | The hymn is optional. If it is deemed impossible to sing (*e.g.*, there is no instrumentalist and no one is confident enough or willing to lead singing, the hymn text may be read as a poem, but this should be done with only one reader (or with multiple readers each taking a verse). |
| p.126 Dialog (“Holy is the Lord, the Almighty…”) | Or the dialog “Blessed are you, O lord our God, king of the universe…” (found on the same page) may be used. |
| p.128 Apostles’ Creed |  |
| #18 Old Testament Canticle: *Benedicite, omnia opera* | A different Old Testament Canticle may be used: #14, #15, #16, and #19 are specifically listed in the rubrics, but #4 also works. #5 works for an evening service. |
| p.128 Prayer of the Day | The prayer of the day is appointed for each particular week. Various lesson services (bulletin inserts that can be purchased) include the Prayer of the Day. You can also find them online on the ELCA’s lectionary pages. They are also printed in the altar missal, though they may not always line up in ordinary time because of a recent change in lectionary. |
| First Lesson | Any of the three lessons appointed for the day may be used. If the Gospel is used, it is always the second lesson. This is appointed in the lectionary. If desired, the reading can be printed in the bulletin (*e.g.*, “First Lesson: 2 Samuel 3:4-10”), but this is not necessary. The word *insert* or *bulletin* in parentheses may be placed after the words First Lesson or the naming of the text if the lesson is included as a bulletin insert or in the bulletin itself, but this is also not necessary. |
| p.\_\_\_ Psalm | The psalm appointed for the day is used. |
| Second Lesson | See the note on the First Lesson |
| #11 Response: “Now Listen, You Servants of God” | A different canticle or hymn may be used. Additionally, a choir anthem or other special music could be used here. |
| Sermon | Sermons do not need to be titled. It is not necessary to list the name of the person delivering the sermon. |
| #\_\_\_\_ Hymn | See note on first hymn. |
| Offering |  |
| p.129 The Prayers | The General Prayer (“Almighty and everlasting God…”) may be used. If preferred, another prayer form may be used instead (*e.g.*, the prayers provided in *Sunday & Seasons*, the *Celebrate*, or *Lessons & Prayers*). You may also used the Prayer of the Church (*LBW*, 52-53), the Litany (*LBW*, 168-173), one of the Responsive Prayers (*LBW*, 161 or 164—though these must be adapted), or the Vespers Litany (LBW, 148-151). You may also use Zeidler’s *Altar Prayers* found on the synod’s Worship site. |
| p.130 Lord’s Prayer |  |
| #21 New Testament Canticle: *Magna et mirabilia* | A different New Testament Canticle may be used: #13, #17, and #20 are specifically listed in the rubrics, but #2 and #6 also work. |
| p.130 Benediction | When conducted by a layperson, us is used in place of we (*e.g*., “The Lord bless us and keep us,” *etc*.), and the sign of the cross is made over the self and not the congregation. |
| #\_\_\_\_ Hymn | See note on first hymn. |