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SERVICE NOTES

What we have found is that when it comes to “regular” services, like the Sundays of Advent or the Sundays in Lent, congregations will often follow a worship folder template exactly. But when it comes to the bigger festival services, there is a lot of customization.

Therefore, we are not really providing a worship folder template for the Easter festival service. Rather, we will refer you to [HERE](#). That link will take you to all the worship folder templates we provided for E12. They will give you a framework in which you can build your 2014 service.

What we are providing is liturgical content and musical suggestions for your 2014 Easter service. This content is available both as an easy to read PDF and in Microsoft Word. Again, you can use one of the worship folder templates from E12 and then cut and paste the liturgical content we are providing as part of E14, as best suits your congregation’s needs.

Pastor Aaron Christie has done a marvelous job providing multiple musical options that will serve any WELS church, from the small mission to a church with 1000 members. He demonstrates the flexibility contained within the liturgical framework. We pray these options are helpful to you.

You will note that some of the musical content suggestions is similar to E12. This is not due to laziness or lack of creativity. There is wisdom in approaching festival worship by bringing out treasures old and new. A good balance to strive for this Easter:

- One third of your musical material comes from things you did last Easter. They are likely to be remembered by your musicians and your people. Being more familiar, they will allow for boisterous participation.
- One third of your musical material is brand new, never heard before.
- One third of your musical material consists of “old favorites” that have been done before, but are worth repeating.

You will note that Pastor Christie does not have musical recommendations for a service that includes Holy Communion. This is because you can simply use “Service of the Sacrament” portions that came with E12.

Because there are so many options, we are also not including page-by-page copyright compliance instructions. As you consider your musical options and lay out your Easter worship folder, please approach your options carefully and legally, in keeping with the Seventh Commandment.

May God bless you and your ministry this Easter!