

An Order of Worship for the Day of Repentance

(The 1856 Lutheran Agenda outlined two orders of service for a Day of Repentance. This day normally took place on the Friday after the last Sunday of the church year. Two orders were provided: one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Note the flexibility provided to each local congregation to choose fitting Scripture readings, hymns, and prayers.)

Morning:

1. Hymn: “Kyrie, God Father in Heav’n Above” (LSB 942)
2. Psalm, Prayer, reading of a selected passage from the Old Testament
3. General hymn of repentance (see LSB 418, 419, 423, 435, 440)
4. Reading from the New Testament
5. Hymn: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (LSB 434)
6. Ex corde prayer by preacher
7. The Lord’s Prayer
8. The Sermon
9. The Litany (LSB 288)
10. Closing Hymn

Afternoon:

1. Sing a hymn of repentance
2. Read a Biblical selection
3. Hymn: “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (LSB 434)
4. Sermon
5. A penitential prayer
6. Litany and the Lord’s Prayer
7. Closing prayer, Blessing and hymn