

Calling for Songs of Loudest (and Quietest) Praise
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One church musician's methods for making the "puzzle pieces" of worship planning (text, music, context) fit together. Topics covered will include online resources for worship planning, ideas for teaching new ideas to your worshiping community, and methods for encouraging all worshipers to "sing boldly."

Please circle the first four words in the session description.

Being an agent of change...

First: _____

Second: _____

Something Paul takes seriously: _____

Something Paul takes less seriously: _____

Worship and Music at St. John - Seward

Liturgical

Participatory

Repetitive. And new. (Ritual!)

Test kitchen with real diners.

Planned as a team.

Printed.

Communicative.

Subject to review.

Text: are these words true to the witness of Scripture? Do they point us to God and His objective love for His people? Or do they depend on me, my feelings and emotions at the moment? Are they something a large group of people can honestly say together? Or are they more a solo performance?

Music: what is the range of this piece? Is the tune “folksy” enough to be grasped by a group of generally untrained singers? Can it be sung unaccompanied, or does it rely on support from other instruments?

Context: how is this similar to the larger body of the congregation’s existing song? Are there words or phrases that might be challenging or difficult to appreciate?

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Visit [SingBoldly.org/resources](https://singboldly.org/resources) for a clickable version of this resource list.

Buffet of Online Worship Resources and Tools (a.k.a. Paul’s Idea Factory)

Planning Center Online - planningcenter.com

St. James Music Press - sjmp.com

LectionarySong Blog - lectionarysong.blogspot.com

Sing for Joy - singforjoy.org

CPH Online Music - digitalmusic.cph.org

Lutheran Service Builder - lutheranservicebuilder.com

Sundays and Seasons (ELCA) - sundaysandseasons.com

Corpus Christi Responsorial Psalms - <https://www.ccwatershed.org/chabanel/>

Center for Worship Leadership, Concordia Irvine (google it!)

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Printed Worship Resources and Tools

Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns

Psalms for All Seasons - Faith Alive Christian Resources

Music Sourcebooks (3) for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

WELS Hymnal - Christian Worship (2021) and Psalter

Church Music for the Care of Souls - Phillip Magness