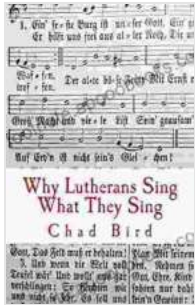


Why Lutherans Sing What They Sing: A Guide to the Lutheran Worship Tradition



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Lutherans are known for their singing. In fact, singing is an integral part of Lutheran worship. But why do Lutherans sing what they sing? What is the history and theology behind the Lutheran worship tradition?

This book is a comprehensive guide to the Lutheran worship tradition, exploring the history, theology, and practices of Lutheran worship. It is written for both Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike, and seeks to provide a deeper understanding of the Lutheran liturgical tradition.

Chapter 1: The History of Lutheran Worship

The Lutheran worship tradition has its roots in the Reformation of the 16th century. Martin Luther, the founder of Lutheranism, believed that the church should be reformed according to the teachings of the Bible. This included a return to the early church practice of congregational singing.

Luther published a number of hymnals during his lifetime, and these hymnals had a profound impact on the development of Lutheran worship. Luther's hymns were simple, singable, and focused on the gospel message. They quickly became popular among Lutherans, and they continue to be sung in Lutheran churches today.

Chapter 2: The Theology of Lutheran Worship

The Lutheran understanding of worship is rooted in the belief that God is present in the midst of his people. When we gather for worship, we are not simply singing songs or listening to a sermon. We are entering into the presence of God himself.

Lutheran worship is therefore a participatory event. We participate in worship through singing, praying, and listening to the Word of God. We also participate in the sacraments, which are special ceremonies that symbolize God's grace and love.

Chapter 3: The Practices of Lutheran Worship

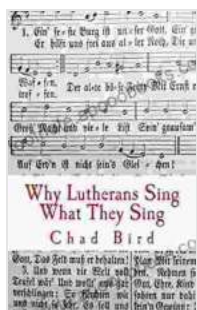
The Lutheran worship service is typically divided into three parts: the Gathering, the Word, and the Meal.

The Gathering is the opening part of the service, and it includes the singing of hymns, the reading of Scripture, and the prayers of the people.

The Word is the central part of the service, and it includes the sermon. The sermon is a proclamation of the gospel message, and it is intended to teach, encourage, and challenge the congregation.

The Meal is the closing part of the service, and it includes the celebration of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. It is a reminder of Christ's death and resurrection, and it is a means of grace for the forgiveness of sins.

The Lutheran worship tradition is a rich and diverse tradition that has been shaped by centuries of history and theology. This book has provided a brief overview of the Lutheran worship tradition, and it is hoped that it has given you a deeper understanding of why Lutherans sing what they sing.



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