

LITURGICAL STRUCTURES COMPARED

Orthodox

Lutheran

<u>Synaxis</u>	<u>Service of the Word</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Litany of Peace 2. First Antiphon <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Short litany 3. Second Antiphon <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hymn of Justinian b. Short litany 4. Third Antiphon <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apolytikion (hymn) b. Hymn honoring saint(s) of the day c. Hymn to church patron saint d. Kontakion (seasonal hymn) 5. The Little Entrance with the Gospels <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Third Antiphon hymns repeated b. Short litany 6. Trisagion hymn (“Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal”) 7. Epistle Reading 8. Gospel Reading 9. Homily (sermon) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kyrie 2. Doxology/Hymn of Praise (or other hymn) 3. Prayer of the Day 4. The First Lesson (Old Testament) 5. Psalm of the Day 6. Epistle Reading 7. Gospel Reading 8. Homily (sermon) 9. Hymn of the Day
<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Service of the Altar</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cherubic Hymn 2. The Great Entrance (w/communion elements) 3. Completion Litany 4. The Peace 5. Confession of Faith (Nicene Creed) 6. The Holy Anaphora <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, etc. 7. Words of Institution 8. Epiclesis Prayer 9. Hymn: It is fitting and right, etc. 10. Prayers 11. Litany 12. The Lord’s Prayer 13. Fraction and Communion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hymns and anthems 14. Post-communion hymn 15. Prayer of thanksgiving 16. The Dismissal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Creed (Nicene on Communion days) 2. Intercessory Prayers 3. The Peace 4. The Offering <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, etc. 5. Words of Institution 6. The Lord’s Prayer 7. Fraction and Communion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hymns and anthems 8. Post-communion hymn 9. Prayer of thanksgiving 10. The Dismissal

(note: this is a sample chart designed for a Lutheran tour group using the current Lutheran Book of Worship. To use this with your own services, insert the elements of your service at the appropriate points in the right hand column and delete anything that doesn’t apply. The Lutheran service shown is based on Setting #1 in the LBW. The Orthodox service is the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, but the structure also applies to the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, used during Great Lent.)