

**Compiled Results of Lord of Life Congregational Survey
Blended Worship Service
May 27, 2008**

Question 1: Did you like the blended worship service?

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Yes:	191	(90% of responses)
No:	21	(10% of responses)
Total Responses	212	

Sunday, May 11, 2008

Yes:	145	(82% of responses)
No:	31	(18% of responses)
Total Responses	176	

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Yes:	28	(97% of responses)
No:	1	(3% of responses)
Total Responses	29	

Compiled Results for Question 1 (“Did you like the blended worship service?”)

Service	Yes	No
Sunday, April 13	191	21
Sunday, May 11	145	31
Wednesday, May 14	28	1
Total	364 (87% of responses)	53 (13% of responses)

Question 2: Would you like to see a service like this offered as a regular worship option?

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Yes:	173	(84% of responses)
No:	34	(16% of responses)
Total Responses	207	

Sunday, May 11, 2008

Yes:	136	(77% of responses)
No:	40	(23% of responses)
Total Responses	176	

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Yes:	24	(89% of responses)
No:	3	(11% of responses)
Total Responses	27	

Compiled Results for Question 2 (“Would you like to see a service like this offered as a regular worship option?”)

Service	Yes	No
Sunday, April 13	173	34
Sunday, May 11	136	40
Wednesday, May 14	24	3
Total	333 (81% of responses)	77 (19% of responses)

Question 3: Would you help with or participate in a blended worship service if it was offered as a regular worship option in the future?

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Yes:	81	(51% of responses)
No:	69	(43% of responses)
Maybe:	10	(6% of responses)
Total Responses	160	

Sunday, May 11, 2008

Yes:	63	(46% of responses)
No:	72	(52% of responses)
Maybe:	3	(1% of responses)
Total Responses	138	

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Yes:	10	(91% of responses)
No:	1	(9% of responses)
Maybe:	0	(0% of responses)
Total Responses	11	

Compiled Results for Question 3 (“Would you help with or participate in a blended worship service if it was offered as a regular worship option in the future?”)

Service	Yes	No	Maybe
Sunday, April 13	81	69	10
Sunday, May 11	63	72	3
Wednesday, May 14	10	1	0
Total	154 (50% of responses)	142 (46% of responses)	13 (4% of responses)

Question 4: Did you complete a survey for the April 13 service?

There were a total of 88 surveys from Sunday May 11 and Wednesday, May 14 with a “Yes” answer to this question..

Comments:

- It would be nice to have it once a month.

- More like what other churches are doing.

- Beautiful and meaningful service!

- I would recommend the 1st Sunday of the month. Traditional services are nice also.

- Great service. We need to offer this as a routine worship option.

- Very lively. Young well involved! Enjoyed by me as a 62 year old! Enjoyed the contemporary and traditional elements. Good blend. Change is good.

- I would suggest having this service once every 3 months or four times a year. This is a good service.

- We are visiting. This is our former church. This is great!

- Don't make it hippy, boom, boom.

- Offer this service to those who like it, but not at the expense of regular worship services each Sunday.

- Children around me seemed quite content at round tables with snacks- nice touch. Very nice for the observer, but lots of work for those participating. I am not a singer or musical at all, so worry that this could fall on the same people all the time.

- Enjoyed the service and would like to have the service again.

- Don't like it in its present form. Too much like a musical performance. This is much too like being at camp. We have way too many services as it is. We spent a lot of money on the red hymnal....let's use it as our primary service. We have the blue book.... let's use is more. If we want a blended service once in a while, fine, but then eliminate the other two services we use.

- I love the music! I have mixed feelings about being the lunch room. It was harder to keep the kids quiet. Service was great! We like the 9:30 time Sunday in the summer better.

- Great!!!

- Opening and closing song was too loud, otherwise the service was very good. Great setting.

- Very nice. Like it.
- Loud.
- Music is a little too loud.
- The music could be toned down to hear the words to the songs.
- No more than one Sunday per month. Kevin- you did good. Still like traditional.
- I would like to see it once a month. One a twice a month as have a 8:30 blended and 11:00 regular or vice versa.
- I love the setting. The music was wonderful.
- Nice change.
- I'd like to see it weekly at one of the services if possible. Love it!
- Enjoyed the music. Nice to see teens participating.
- Music was good. Sound quality?
- Great job!
- Good choice of songs.
- Great music, upbeat and uplifting service. I think offering this option will attract new members. Other churches offer this option.
- Do this twice a year
- I have worshipped in Fargo in a service like this. Please continue.
- I love it. Please continue. Young and old love this type of worship.
- Loved the music. Songs are easy to sing and full of energy. Extra musicians were great. Loved to get the kids involved too- great idea! Thank you for providing this service!
- Lovely!! I do believe this is service is needed.
- Sing more uplifting songs like were sung today. They were uplifting and fun!
- The music was really fun and upbeat! You guys did an awesome job with this service.

- Very well organized but too long. Why are verses repeated so much? Isn't once enough? Why didn't the pastors wear robes? Could it be too casual? I do feel strongly that whatever form of worship, it should be used at the Sunday and Wednesday services. Everyone (all ages) should be knowledgeable about the traditional service. Can you save some expenses by using the blue worship book for songs? Song leaders, drums, etc overpower the congregation singing.
- I enjoyed this service and I think that it will be even better when we know the songs! One thing I did notice, at least for me, is that when the band played, it was really hard for me to hear and follow along with them.
- It will be better when everyone knows the songs.
- I have problems with it being too loud.
- Would be good to have printed music to see intervals better and to help with singing of parts.
- Stunning! What an uplift! Keep doing!
- This service provides a nice variety to our faith live here at LoL.
- The regular communion cups, not the dip in the chalice.
- The variety of worship is a nice option. Maybe a bit too loud.
- Offer it monthly.
- Need to have frosted animal crackers.
- Chairs are very uncomfortable and chairs in rows are too close together. Make people feel crowded.
- I like the casual atmosphere and the music. The chairs aren't as comfortable as the pews. It was a little long. Work on timing.
- You don't need to fix what wasn't broken in the first place. You are blessed with a sanctuary to use, a church that other congregations may not be blessed to have. Please use it gratefully. You have been blessed with a liturgy, handed down through the centuries,, much like the Catholic church, discussed and decided upon by your own Lutheran bishops and committees. There is no need to reinvent the liturgy that is in place to speak to the hearts of the people who gather to worship God. Please make loving use of the liturgy you have. Study it, you will be pleasantly surprised. Share it with one another in your bulletin. Yes, the music is bouncy and upbeat. Hymns and liturgical music are also uplifting because they speak of love of God and the mysteries of our faith.

- Loved the music.
- The music was really nice. They play music that everyone probably likes.
- I liked the service but would prefer it in the sanctuary. Too many distractions in fellowship hall.
- Do this instead of Koinina and get the same and more younger people involved.
- Excellent worship and music.
- I thought that the music was awesome and there was more room to move around .
- Great. Comfortable. Meaningful.
- It's a refreshing change. Music was wonderful. It fills a need to keep our younger generation active and included. Thanks.
- Great change of pace. Loved it! Music was great!
- The music was wonderful! I really enjoy having contemporary songs as part of worship. I do prefer the traditional Apostle's Creed during service rather than the "Affirmation". I am not a fan of the communion wafers. Bread's better. Thanks!
- Not more than once a month. Most songs are great. The ones I don't care for are the ones that have too much repetition. Too loud.
- I liked the way children are brought into the worship service with instruments. Also loved the words of the songs and readings.
- Great job. Great beginning.
- Very stimulating!!
- I think our church has the talent to play the musical parts without hiring out.
- Why budget if you are replacing a service? Don't hire musicians. Plenty of talent in house.
- Very moving.
- It would be nice to have large print versions available.
- Keep traditional service as an option every Sunday. This is a nice alternative if you feel a little "jazzed". Thanks.

- Would it be a good idea to create a platform to “pull” the lectern out from the “proscenium”? Could the speaker then be “lit” a bit better? Want any help to do this? (have electric screwdriver and AutoCAD, will travel). Awesome service!!
- Some way to display the music would be nice (so we have notes, not just words).
- I really like the upbeat music. How about one Sunday a month for starters.
- I love the music!
- Use page numbers to keep people on track after breaks (children’s sermon and message). Wonderful- thank you.
- The darker print is very welcome.
- Great, uplifting.
- Music was great. Think the youth would like this, as it is for them.
- Wonderful service. If it will help our congregation and keep our young people coming, let’s do it!
- It was wonderful- so meaningful and what a message!
- I think that it should still be in the church, not the fellowship hall. I see the need for this type of service. We just need to keep trying things to make it work.
- Tables were very helpful for families with young children. Loved the song, “Open the Eyes of My Heart” because we knew it.
- I much prefer a traditional service. I feel communion should be a peaceful moment and hymn. I would not care for this as a regular worship.
- Fantastic!! Enjoyed it very much.
- Shorten to 45 minutes. Make it an alternative time. Perhaps Sunday evening at 7 pm.
- What an awesome service!
- It means well but it didn’t get me. Little too much like being at camp. Didn’t know the music so it was kind of just like a concert. A little too noisy overall and not as reverent as I think it should be.
- Very inspiring. Love those wonderful singers.
- It was awesome and I’m a grandmother, so it isn’t an “age” thing.

- Hard to follow. Hard to sing songs with no notes to follow.
- Very nice. Hope it continues.
- It was a lot of fun! I hope it continues.
- Very uplifting. Wonderful music. Great sermon!
- I especially enjoyed participation of the children. I like the informal service. Thanks to all who shared their musical talents.
- It was different. I think it would be OK if we do it once in awhile, but I would not want to replace the regular service. We could switch off the contemporary, regular, and blended.
- Loved it.
- Awesome! Music was stupendous.
- A very uplifting service and definitely has a place at LoL. Thanks for the opportunity to enjoy this service with my fellow members of LoL!
- Very good. I loved the sermon.
- Only once a month.
- Offer at least once a month.
- Once every 6-8 weeks.
- Kind of like a camp service.
- Saturday night would be an option. May attract a younger age group. Once a month or else offer traditional service at 8:30 and contemporary at 11:00.
- It takes some getting used to. No more than once a month. Our microphones could use some upgrading if we continue this. Could we use this service in the sanctuary? I'd like that. Notes to music would be nice.
- When I come to church I come to worship, not to be entertained.
- This service is a great joy for my soul.
- I just find the joyous service a good send off for a week of service.

- A lot of work went into this. I think that a limited worship, probably twice a month at 11:00 with 8:30 being traditional. Need PowerPoint slides. Leader need to sing the verses, congregation sing the choirs.
- This amounts to a musical performance with a camp atmosphere. The congregation can't sing along very well without music. Once or twice a year would be plenty. We have too many services as it is. Use red and blue books.
- BORING!
- I think that it would be helpful to have notes with the words. Maybe have songs out of the hymnals. It would make the singing easier.
- Inspiring.
- Undecided. It didn't feel like I'd been to a regular Sunday service. Music was good.
- This sheep is content with any service. I like this church.
- This blended service is great. I would like to see us put in a better sound system (and not just for this service). The music was great! The musicians were wonderful.
- I think that this service is being welcomed and may increase attendance.
- It was a little loud.
- Great job!
- We need more volunteers, or pay the worship singers.
- Acoustics are making it difficult to follow.
- We should stand when we sing.
- Not to be too critical, taking new avenues is always of value. However, the church already has a number of different services and I see no need for more. In fact, the folk service already gives much of what this type of service is trying to give, and in my view, already does it better.
- I'm a visitor but loved the service.
- If I was a first time visitor I probably wouldn't return.
- Good start. We really needed this. I wish we could have it in the main church (no chairs).

- It was nice. The music was great! For some reason, there seemed to be more background noise vs traditional service.
- It was a fun time!!!!
- Kind of crowded.
- I would like to know in advance when we have this service so that I can attend a different church.
- Wonderful music and song selections. I like the casual atmosphere.
- We are visitors and have come back for more. This service is wonderful and endearing. Thank you!
- I thought that it was very nice and a different change.
- Offer it as an option and not instead of one of the weekly services. How about this service on Sunday or Wednesday evening?
- I didn't like the setting in the fellowship hall. Parts of the service felt awkward.
- There almost seems to be too much going on at once. The traditional aspects seem to be lost.
- Next time I will not stay! Inappropriate for Mothers Day.
- It seemed more organized this time. I like the upbeat music and the relaxed atmosphere.
- I really like the service. The music is uplifting and the atmosphere is friendlier.
- Very nice service.
- Offer it Sunday night.
- Love the music used and having it in fellowship hall. Sunday evenings?
- I enjoyed the upbeat music and the relaxed atmosphere.
- I think that it was the best kind of worship because it was friendly.
- Chairs get uncomfortable.
- Very nice change.
- Very informal...just my style.

- Children should listen and not color, and you shouldn't eat during service. It's rude.
- This type of service is too "evangelical" and informal with no liturgy. We already have a nice assortment of meaningful services. It's very hard to sing without music to follow. Our folk service is much more meaningful. This style is too informal and doesn't feel like church.
- Improve the sound system.
- Musicians need to be toned down a little
- I enjoy the occasional variety. Once a month.
- Loved the multi-age involvement! Musicians were smiling and obviously enjoying themselves. I think that a service like this would make us (LoL) more well rounded.
- Chairs were a little close.
- I would like to see this once a month.
- This is no different than what we have been offering except 200 feet further east and a bigger band.
- Very uplifting!
- Enjoyed the upbeat songs and casualness, but still want traditional worship. Offer this one once or twice a month?
- I loved it. Great job by all of the musicians.
- It was pretty good.
- The dramatic reading? Did it bring more confusion?
- Love the music! Maybe the chairs could go all the way across and tables in back. The setting encourages children to be "vocal". It made it harder to listen and tune in.
- Liked the bulletins... didn't have to juggle three books.
- I do not feel we are using the best selection of material. There are so many contemporary service song selections to pick from. I feel that until we get this service off the ground we should be using more familiar songs.
- Nice change of pace.

- The music rocks! Very upbeat and uplifting!
- Great service. Offer it at least twice a month. Replace one of the existing services (probably the folk service) with this one.
- Another great job. The tweaking from the last service was good. There is definitely a place for this service at LoL. Thanks again for the opportunity to enjoy this uplifting service.
- Would like to see it in the main church. Would like notes with the words.
- Wonderful!
- I like the table and chairs and animal crackers for the kids.
- Thanks for everyone's time and energy. Not many were singing at times. Tempo of songs was many times way too fast. As a piano player, we tend to want to play faster than the singer. I know that not all read music, but seeing it would help. Play just the melody line to hear how it goes. Play complete song before we sing, especially on a new song. People need to know and hear melody line before they can sing it. The energy of the group was nice to see. Thanks.
- I thought the musicians were fabulous! With the amount of space given to printing the words to the songs, it would seem enough space to at least print a melody line, even if just for the choruses. For the people who are musical, it is very irritating to not have the music with the words. I am not a big fan of "contemporary creeds". We all know the words to the Apostle's Creed and the contemporary versions seem watered down. I noticed that the Lord's Prayer was kept the same as it should be. Aside from the two points I noted, I thought it was a great service and I hope we can incorporate a contemporary worship service into the regular schedule.
- I like the service and setting. I think that it is especially good for young people. Old people like me like it too.
- Great with our kids! Thanks!
- It's kinda confusing.
- I really liked the music! I like the seating in the other place better. I also see that for some of the older people, it is hard to follow along to the music. I feel cut off from the congregation.
- It's hard to follow music without notes to follow.
- What a fun service! The music and variety really added to the worship.

- I really enjoyed the service. Great music! I am a visitor and will return.
- As a guest in your church, I enjoyed the service very much. Hope to join you again soon.
- The larger format is helpful... easy to follow. I like having worship in one element (folder). Must was just right- not too loud.
- I prefer the service to be held in the sanctuary!
- It was fun!