

Lectionary Overview and Taizé music

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Hi, All,

At our LLN In-between session Tuesday evening we talked about what we're doing in our congregations as an outcome of being in Lay Leadership Training. I shared something that I started a couple Sundays ago. I have taken the Year C Lectionary and studied the context of each week's scripture passages. We often listen to each passage, but the words, locations, and people in the passages don't fully connect with us to get a deep picture of what the scripture is telling us or the context of the passages.

I did not comment on any scriptural interpretation or anything deeper than the topics apparent in each passage. I put the summaries on a standard piece of paper. I didn't say more than what would fit on a single page or the front and back of a single sheet. I tried not to get over involved. I consider them Sermon Notes for grownups. We have handed them out to each person with the morning bulletin coming to church. They have not been posted on our church website yet.

Keep in mind that this is a new venture and is a work-in-progress. It may change as all things do with new ideas and such. There was a suggestion that these might be considered for posting on the Northeastern Minnesota Synod website for all to use. That's to be discussed a bit later. Here ya go...

Another topic we touched on was any changes in worship services that have come about from our LLN experience.

I mentioned that our interim Pastor, Nancy Hong, introduced Taiezé music for a portion of our service. We've done it once and will do it again this Sunday.

Taizé is a simple repetitive two verses or so set to music and serves as a prayer.

The link below is the one I have found so incredibly centering for me. I can see out children coming to me and wanting me to help them with a hurt or other problem. Sometimes it was with tears. I think God must feel the same way when we come to him.

I first was made aware of Taizé after I endured an emotional career setback almost 20 years ago. Our Parish Nurse gave me a tape of the music you'll hear, but it wasn't until recently that I found it on YouTube.

Here are the music and beautiful scenes. The last scenes from about 2:55 on were the real essence for me.

<https://youtu.be/f51n-yb11dY>

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