

Statement of Purpose  
Worship Principles and Commitments  
The Chapel of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Our worship is centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which gives reason and purpose to our gathering.

Our worship stands upon the thinking and practices of the historic traditions of the Church in both their Evangelical and Catholic dimensions.

Our worship is informed by the general principles declared in *The Use of the Means of Grace* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* as the primary but not exclusive source of liturgical patterns, setting, and music in the chapel.

Our worship celebrates the gift of community, as a people that God has brought together through the activity of the Spirit, and who are welcoming and hospitable to all.

Our worship reflects our faithfulness, inclusiveness, and diversity as it brings together scholars, learners, and leaders from different walks of life.

Our worship is an intrinsic part of our teaching ministry, which seeks to educate and form public leaders and, as such, it becomes a place for leaders to grow in ministry and faith.

Our worship encourages respect and support for each other in our individual callings and life commitments.