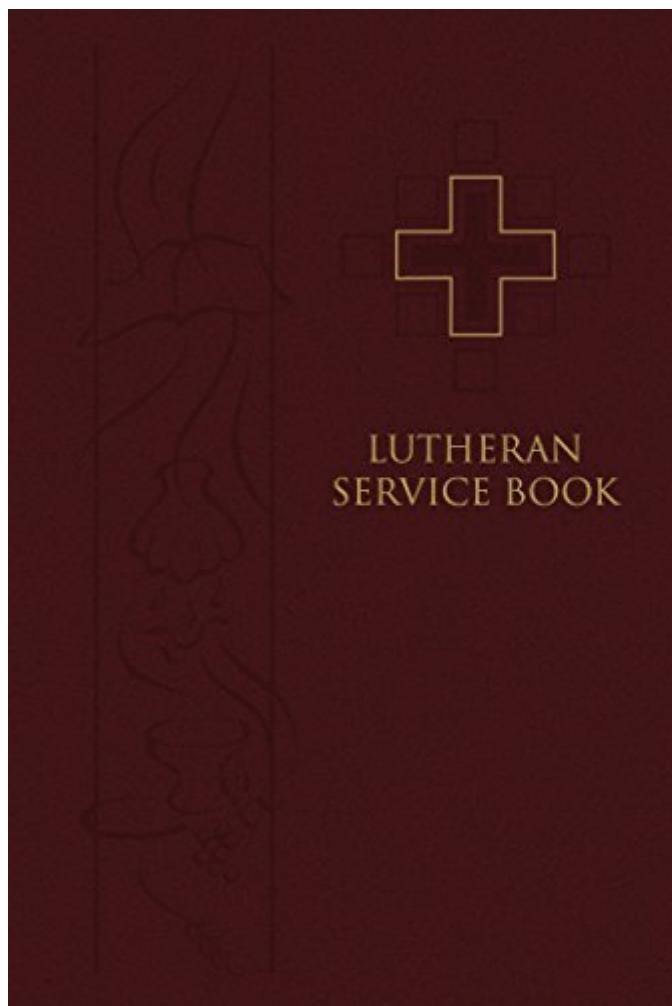


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Lutheran Service Book is a hymnal with a rich compilation of Christ-centered services, psalms, hymns, and prayers to nourish the faithful week after week for generations to come. It builds on the riches of the liturgical and hymnic heritage that we, as Lutherans, have received from past generations. It proclaims the Good News of forgiveness, life, and salvation, celebrates Christ and all His benefits, and gives voice to the people's thanksgiving and praise. This ebook edition of LSB provides all of the contents of the printed Pew Edition with the convenience of your tablet or ebook reader. The ebook edition provides links to each hymn in the table of contents and indexes, as well as links back to the table of contents from each hymn for easy navigation. The lectionaries provide internet links for each Bible reference. This edition includes all of the printed music found in the Pew Edition as graphics. Content includes: Five Divine Services Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Matins Vespers Family devotions Luther's Small Catechism 150 psalms 636 hymns, songs, and canticles

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Finally! The church's completely hymnal available on all your devices. CPH has some OK apps for the Treasury of Daily Prayer and the Pastoral Care companion, but neither of those contains the complete package that the hymnal does as far as prayers, hymns and services. I've been waiting and hoping for an electronic edition so that I don't have to lug the book around. I always have my iPad or iPhone with me). The Kindle version of the LSB is the entire text as it appears in the print edition with the bonus of having ALL 150 Psalms available. That's a definite advantage. Having said that, Lutheran Service Book has several hymns that are available only in the Lutheran Service Builder software, but not in the print edition of the hymnal. Why not include those? If you're adding extra things that aren't in the print edition, why not add everything you can? It's a small niggle, but one that would have made the electronic edition not just equal to but maybe even better than the printed copy. Let's talk ease of use. The electronic edition of LSB is set up for super-easy navigation. It is well indexed and hyperlinked throughout. Add in the ability to bookmark pages as well as add highlights and notes, and I think the electronic edition is actually easier to get around. (In "live" tests versus a printed hymnal, I've found that finding a section or hymn is just about equal in the time it takes to do so). One of the things that makes the indexing better than most Kindle books is that the titles of hymns are hyperlinked so that you can easily jump between the hymn and its section listing (like "Easter" or "Redeemer" sections, etc.) and the main index. Another cool feature is that the actual hymnal indexes are hyperlinked, so that when you look up a tune or meter or first line in the index, you can jump straight to the hymn. That makes using the hymnal very easy and I have actually done so in worship. I can jump between the Kindle app and a PDF of the bulletin and readings so quickly, that it's like the book and paper except...without the paper! The formatting of this edition is the same as the print edition. That means it will look best on an iPad and not as great (as in, smaller and harder to read) on an iPhone. I'd recommend setting your Kindle to "single column" and using it in portrait mode because that will maximize the page on the screen and be more like holding the actual book. Since some of the material in LSB is already in two columns (like the pages of the liturgy), it is too slimmed/crunched when set to more than one column. The only real fault I would find with the electronic edition of the LSB is that the hymns themselves are images embedded in the book, rather than nativey a part of the text. I'm not sure how you could do it otherwise and still retain the same look as a printed page in the book. Note, however, that if there are stanzas of the hymn beyond those with the music, these are regular text that is a part of the book. This sets up the weird situation where if you wanted to use the Kindle's search function to find words in a hymn, it would only find words in stanzas that aren't in the portion of the hymn with the music; and that means you can't search the actual text of most hymns, because the search doesn't

pick up the text in the graphical portions of the hymns. The other small detail I noticed when singing is that there is no indication if there is more of a hymn than what is displayed in front of you. For example, if you have a hymn (with musical notation) that is two pages in the printed version, it is certainly easy enough to swipe between the two pages on the Kindle (since you can only see one page at a time) but you might not know there's more to be sung if you aren't familiar with the hymn. A little arrow at the bottom on such pages would probably be helpful. In summary, the electronic edition of the Lutheran Service Book is a faithful, complete, and entirely useful rendition of the printed hymnal into electronic form. If you are comfortable using a tablet, you'll have no problems using the hymnal in the varieties of ways it can be used, without having to crack the cover of the actual book! For those techies like me that's awesome!

I agree with many of the other reviews, the hymnal itself is great and I have been anxiously awaiting this Kindle edition but am disappointed in that it is not designed to allow the user to enlarge the print for those with impaired vision. This is not the easy road to a large print edition. It does work better on my iPad for enlarging, but not conveniently.

I love the Lutheran Service Book and was desiring my own copy, but I was hoping and praying for a Kindle Version, given the convenience of an Ebook. When I contacted CPH over a year ago they told me that due to copyright licensing issues, an ebook version was not available. I am so glad that something got worked out, although the fonts in the print version are different than the ebook version and the readability of the hymns is very dependant on screen size. (Great for a 10" tablet, not so much for a small smart phone.) I look forward to using it in worship without having to bookmark every hymn and being able to just jump right to it. I find it easier to read on my tablet than the print version.

The description of the hymnal I purchased read: "New. Very nice copy! Never used. Great for a gift!" When I received the hymnal, it had black marks all over the edges of the pages, the corners were slightly bent, and the burgundy color was rubbed off the corners. I was disappointed in the condition! Good thing I did not buy it to give as a gift!! However, it is usable, as I bought it for myself.

The Kindle edition is a bit clunky, especially if your device is a small handheld. If a hymn goes on two pages, page turning becomes difficult if you have already zoomed in to see the otherwise microscopic display. The handy indices found at the rear of the bound edition, for tune names and

first lines of hymns, is not quite as handy in the Kindle edition. Conveniences are still nice, of having the hymnal on any device as a reference instead of carrying an actual book around if you are traveling. Trying to sing or play from it will not really work. It would be nice if the TLH was also available on Kindle.

The LSB is a wonderful book for Lutherans to use at church, at home with their families, or for personal study. It includes the Divine Services, all of the psalms, the daily office services, special services (weddings, baptisms, funerals, confirmation, etc), prayers, the Litany, The Creeds, The Small Catechism, and over 600 hymns . The kindle version is a little hard to navigate on my small phone screen, but is likely better on a tablet or kindle device. I would highly recommend this for every Lutheran (especially LCMS) to augment your worship at home.

If you're feeling a little dry, or even just somewhat unfocused, this book will help you rekindle and refocus. Luther was a man, not God--but oh, how he loved his Lord! He had his flaws and shortcomings--don't we all?--but like Jacob he wrestled with God and ended up with a blessing.

The quality of the digital version is terrible. The authors tried to keep the page numbers to match the printed version, but what they got was a book that you cannot adjust the margins, text size or line spacing. On all pages of plain old text, it goes from edge to edge. Some pages that have lists go beyond the edge of the Kindle and I cannot figure out a way to shrink it down and view all the content. I will stick with my hard copy version and just bring that along.

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