

Sing Boldly

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At breakneck speed, Paul Soulek endeavors to outline the theoretical and practical aspects of creating a congregational (and school) culture that boldly sings the song of Jesus. From bulletin articles to junior high hymn festivals, this nuts-and-bolts workshop will focus on ways we can engage with our communities through music ministry—and do it boldly!

Being an agent of change...

First: _____

Second: _____

Something Paul takes seriously: _____

Something Paul takes less seriously: _____

Worship and Music at St. John - Seward

Liturgical

Participatory

Traditionally contemporary

Test kitchen - with real diners

Team driven

Printed - for a reason

Question asking - and question answering

Subject to review.

Relational.

Makes hay while the sun shines.

Blooms where planted.

Plays with the cards that are dealt.

Text: are these words true to the witness of Scripture? Do they point us to God and His objective love for His people? Or do they depend on me, my feelings and emotions at the moment? Are they something a large group of people can honestly say together? Or are they more a solo performance?

Music: what is the range of this piece? Is the tune “folksy” enough to be grasped by a group of generally untrained singers? Can it be sung unaccompanied, or does it rely on support from other instruments?

Context: how is this similar to the larger body of the congregation’s existing song? Are there words or phrases that might be challenging or difficult to appreciate?

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Visit [SingBoldly.org/lectures-resources](https://singboldly.org/lectures-resources) for a clickable version of this resource list.

Buffet of Online Worship Resources and Tools (a.k.a. Paul’s Idea Factory)

Planning Center Online - planningcenter.com

St. James Music Press - sjmp.com

LectionarySong Blog - lectionarysong.blogspot.com

Sing for Joy - singforjoy.org

CPH Online Music - digitalmusic.cph.org

Lutheran Service Builder - lutheranservicebuilder.com

Sundays and Seasons (ELCA) - sundaysandseasons.com

Corpus Christi Responsorial Psalms - <https://www.cwatershed.org/chabanel/>

Center for Worship Leadership, Concordia Irvine (google it!)

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Printed Worship Resources and Tools

Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns

Psalms for All Seasons - Faith Alive Christian Resources

Music Sourcebooks (3) for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

WELS Hymnal - Christian Worship (2021) and Psalter

Church Music for the Care of Souls - Phillip Magness