

C.A.T. (Congregational Assessment Tool) Survey Results

#4 - Worship and Music

Zion Lutheran Church ... How do we experience worship and music at Zion?

The worship experience is central to the vitality and growth of a congregation. While members are often engaged in a wide variety of activities, worship is the one experience that every member shares. Research suggests that worship is a primary factor in the morale of a congregation and that when the worship experience is vibrant, members also tend to feel energized about the work of the church.

Zion members responded similarly to the worship and music quality statements as follows:

1. "The worship services at our church are exceptional in both quality and spiritual content."

| Strongly | Disagree | Tend to | Tend to | Agree | Strongly |
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| Disagree | | Disagree | Agree | | Agree |
| 1.9% | 2.9% | 7.7% | 41.3% | 33.7% | 12.5% |

2. "The music at our church is outstanding in quality and appropriate in style to our congregation."

| Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Tend to Disagree | Tend to Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| 1.9% | 0.0% | 7.5% | 31.1% | 35.8% | 23.6% |

Takeaways:

- A majority of members find our worship and music to be of high quality and fitting for our congregation.
- There is a high percent of respondents who "tend to agree" with the statements above. The CAT Survey Administrators term this as "fence sitting" -- people who don't have a strong feeling in either direction. With minimal improvement on worship and/or music, these "fence sitters" can be moved toward the "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" opinions.
- We are so grateful to those who share their musical talents at Zion, as well as those who plan and assist in weekly and special worship services!
- Our hope is that a new pastor will embrace and enhance our worship and music styles.