

# Cathedral of the Church of Ingria

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## 1 FINNISH SERVICE

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*I came to the church rather late. The service was already about to end.*

Older generation. About 20 people sing Lutheran hymns in Finnish. The green-robed pastor sings with them.

Two young girls came and wrote something on special paper and put it in a prayer box. *(later I found out it was desired prayers)*

Live streaming on YouTube channel.

There are more women than men, it is not clear whether they are Russians or Finns

The pastor said goodbye, people began to leave

Look like Finns, blond with strict faces

They announced something in Russian, some of them communicate with each other in Finnish

People go to the pastor

## 2 BETWEEN SERVICES

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They recently changed the schedule, old lady came to Finnish service, she asks old lady 2 when is the Russian one

They are happy to see each other, the community sees that someone is not there, old lady 2 asks why didn't old lady 1 come to last service, she answers that they only on the 4th they came from somewhere (abroad), because someone from their family got mobilisation request, they took this person abroad

Another around 65yo lady with blond hair and a very serious face in a black and yellow jacket

A middle-aged woman and an old lady are talking to the pastor, "on her deathbed" is heard, apparently this is a mother and daughter

On the whiteboard hang numbers with the numbers of verses.

A statuesque woman in a jacket explains

A middle-aged couple came to ask about organ concerts, they are on Saturdays

A young man came, greeted everyone, nodded to me

The pastor in black takes out the goblets and covers them with cardboard

Getting ready for a new service

They carry books that will be sung to

young man dressed in black

Two goblets stand on the pulpit and are covered with a cloth

Old lady in a pink cardigan reads a psalter

### 3 PREPARATIONS AND RUSSIAN SERVICE

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In the basement there are toilets and something like a dining room, people chat at the table

More and more young people are coming to the Russian service, mothers with children came, they play in a small children's corner

Several young girls came, so far everyone is sitting on the benches and waiting for the start of the service, she is in 10 minutes

They are putting new numbers on the white desk in front

People chat between rows, the organ is playing, **a sense of community**

A group of young people under 20 came (2 boys and a girl) they took the book with hymns

Some open the book on pages and read beforehand

A guy at the age of around 20 with a book

An old lady came to the back rows and greeted everyone

On the left benches the people are still rather old on the right the mean age is decreasing, around 7 young people

Pastor going around greeting people

One more young family came, the church starting to be rather crowded

Another young couple came under age of 20

A really strong feel of community, everyone knows each other and greets

An old lady places a candle in and probably praying, baptises herself

Middle aged woman in a hurry comes in and grabs a book, the service should have already started

At the children's place parents chat and hug

Even more children with parents come  
A woman comes to a camera that is making a YouTube live

## 4 SERVICE BEGINS

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Organ starts playing  
Everyone stands up pastors cone around 3 in white, 1 in green, stand on their knees and pray  
Three in white stay at first row  
Green commands to sit, everyone starts singing  
After first song everyone stands up and pastor starts his speech, then reading prayer outloud together

This Sunday before the last Sunday of this year  
New song, little child crying in the back  
Yet another song  
An old lady is in headphones probably something very ill, she is the only sitting  
As everyone starts singing confidently the chorus starts, music with words are syncing and become clearer and louder

Young pastor in white stands up and starts reading  
Reading part from apocalypse :)  
Pastor starts speaking again one in white seats down, everyone speaks outloud with pastor  
Pastor commands to sit down

Singing  
195  
122  
270  
321  
247  
333  
Standing up

Not sure if it is always so apocalyptic or because of war but about great flood  
After sitting down pastor starts his speech. Topic for thinking: "Keep awake". He agitates to think about what awaits us.

Some highlights of pastor's speech:

- Adam and Eve voluntarily chose to fall into sin, it cannot be said that they were forced and we share this fall. God gives freedom of choice of action, everyone can become what we want to be.
- If you want to conquer the world, then you will perish in this world.
- Choice mistakes
- We wanted to see the difference between good and evil and we saw it today in all its glory
- People marching to their death
- Unfortunately, today many people live these fairy tales and absorb them.
- People cut off from reality. We know such people, they live with us in their dreams.
- The laws of this world call us to break the commandments of God
- The Lord will come and the power of Satan will fall and we will see what we have been waiting for so long
- It is not in the struggle for superiority that we find our salvation, but in freedom from evil.

Pastor announces next service

Pastor in white goes with a small pocket and collects donations

People sing

They also collected papers with something when were collecting donations

Everyone stands up and start praying

They are reading the prays of people. People wrote something on papers and gave to pastors while they were collecting donations

After all the prays read and song sang people are sitting down for yet another song

An old lady is crying :(

Bread and goblet

Asks people to great each other. People hug, shake hands or just nod

Last song all 4 pastors stand at the pulpit and sing together

A woman collects books

People go to pulpit stand on their knees and drink from the goblet

Old lady helps lady with headphones

After everyone who wanted drank and ate people sing one last song

The service ends and another pastor announces new events

A man took a brochure "for parents of children who escaped from home"