

## Lutheran Jello

I love the church, I hope it's plain to see  
I love to get together rather faithfully  
To pray and to talk, don't want to get stuck  
On the outside looking in of a church pot-luck

You see there's something quite mystical, if you please  
'bout a table full of food, even peas and cheese  
that we take the time to bake, cook or boil.  
And share it with each other out of 'luminum foil

So give me jello, good Lutheran jello  
Don't care if it's green, red, orange, pink or yellow  
Give me jello, the only thing I can say  
Is add some canned cling peaches, it'll make your day

So where to begin? There is always a plate  
But the line moves so slow, you know I hate to wait  
Will there be any left, it's hard to be so mellow  
When you're dreaming of fruit cocktail stuck in lemon jello

So we start with a bang, buttered bread and a roll  
'scaloped potatoes, ham and hamburger casserole  
tuna noodle bake and some fried chicken too  
tossed salad, seven layered and...something new?

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The desserts come next it's the challenge I hate  
How'm I gonna fit it all on my plate  
There's so many good things it makes me want to yell,  
"Oh find me a spot for some Lutheran jello!"

Next time you're upset, stressed to the max  
Find a church pot-luck, sit down and relax  
And before you're done, you'll find it easy to tell,  
"Oh Boy do I feel good eating Lutheran jello!"

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*Probably my most requested song, Lutheran Jello is really a song that seeks to take something meaningful and important and make it silly. Church pot-lucks are getting to be a thing of the past as we worry about sanitary and healthy cooking and liability suits, but I lament their demise because they were and are such a great source of fellowship. These moments are more than the food, of course. The actual taking of time to sit down with a bunch of people and get acquainted or re-acquainted is fundamental to Christian community. I miss the fun banter about whose rice pudding was the best to take, and whose salad one should avoid. It was all done in jest and fun. I hope they don't go away completely!*