

Welcome to Fifth Grade Sunday School!

God does so many things for us. Most of all, God shows us his love through the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus the Christ. God also gives us homes, parents, sisters and brothers, God gives us teachers who help us learn, God gives us the sun, moon and earth and so much more. Please take some time and write what else God gives you:

How do we say thank you to God? We say thank you to God by WORSHIPING him.

Worship is a cool thing. Lots of things happen in worship. You will be learning about worship throughout the year. Here’s what you have to look forward to: First, you will learn about the two *Sacraments*. Second, you will learn about *Worship Leadership*. Third, you will learn about the *Church Year*. And lastly, you will learn about *How We Worship*. You will also have a few Sundays where you will meet in the Youth Room at 10am to talk about what we’ve learned.

Take a guess

1. Which Christian denomination is Church of the Resurrection? _____

2. What do the letters, ELCA, stand for? _____

3. What are the two Lutheran Sacraments? _____

4. Are the pastors the only people who lead worship? _____

5. Name as many “seasons” of the Church Year as you can (it isn’t Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring)?

6. Is there a particular order to each worship service? _____

7. What does Psalm 100:1-2 say about worship? (If you didn’t bring your Bible this week, you can look up the psalm in the red hymnals scattered throughout the sanctuary). _____

Helpful for you... Check in each week!

Bring your Bible each week! When we arrive on Sunday, go to the circular table in the narthex/lobby area and look for “5th Grade Sunday School Instructions”. Take an activity sheet, read the instructions (don’t forget to write your name on each weekly activity sheet) and work on it during the worship service. After worship is over, place your activity sheet in the box on the circular table. There will be a few Sundays where you will meet in the Youth Room at 10am. Next Sunday, you and your parents will meet in the Sanctuary for a brief orientation, and you will be given a calendar for the year telling you where you need to be each Sunday.

Step Number 1

We Gather

During the next few weeks you will learn how we worship.

When you come to worship you are given a worship bulletin. Although pastors and church musicians plan each church service carefully, the word **liturgy** means “the peoples’ work”.

The liturgy is the way we come together as God’s people, praise God, hear God’s words, share God’s peace and pray to God, commune around God’s table, and are sent out into the world to do God’s work.

Planning a worship service is like making a cake, certain ingredients make up a cake. Worship services are put together with certain “ingredients” or parts. The 5 parts are listed below – you will notice these parts each week in your bulletin. The bulletin is like a map, to help you follow and understand the worship service. Today we will learn about the first one, “We Gather.”

1. **We Gather – We remember God through song and prayer**
2. **We Listen – We hear God words for us from the Bible**
3. **We Share – We give thanks to God by giving God our offerings**
4. **We Commune – We share together in communion and are forgiven**
5. **We Are Sent – We celebrate God’s love and forgiveness and go out into the world to serve God**

We Gather

Prelude or Pre-service singing:

A prelude is a musical piece that comes before the worship service. It helps get us ready for worship.

Invocation:

“In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. These words remind us of our baptism, when we were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that God is present with us.

Confession and Absolution:

This is perhaps one of the most powerful parts of worship. Together we *confess*, or say out loud, that we are sinners. We don’t live perfectly. But because of God’s love for us, God sent us his son, Jesus Christ, to die for us and be raised to a new life cleansed from all sin. Therefore we are *absolved*, or forgiven, through Jesus Christ. Again, we all say “Amen” (“Yes, it is so”) together. We are forgiven from every sin and wrong thing we have ever done!

Opening Hymn:

This first hymn helps us to hear God’s words. Music is a powerful way that we experience God’s love for us. Hymns tell a story not just with notes but also with words.

Greeting:

When we see someone we often say, “HI! How are you?” Likewise in church the pastor welcomes everyone and wishes him or her to experience God’s love and grace. That’s why the pastor says, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” the congregation responds, “And also with you” because the congregation wishes the same for the pastor.

The Kyrie (Kee-ree-eh):

This is a song sung to God asking for mercy. We turn away from our own needs and selfishness and we ask God for things the world needs: peace, unity, equality, and grace. We sing, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy".

The Hymn of Praise: This is a song that praises God for his goodness in Christ. Notice that the word *glory* is used a lot in this hymn. We give glory to God because God is so good! Giving glory to God means that we praise God for his love, strength and power of goodness.

The Prayer of the Day:

This is the last part of the GATHERING. After singing hymns of praise to God, we as the people of God, settle our hearts in prayer. This prayer changes from week to week and is a reflection of each Sunday. It often is a prayer that ties in the readings and gospel text for each Sunday.

Go and get a bulletin for today's service. Look through it and find the 5 different parts.

1. What does the word "liturgy" mean?
2. Why do you think this first part of the liturgy is called, "We Gather"?
3. Look up 2 Corinthians 13:13. What does it say? When does this get said in our liturgy? Why do you think those are the words are said?
4. What phrase does the congregation sing repeatedly in the Kyrie?

Please arrange the following liturgy parts in the correct order for "We Gather".

Not all choices are in "We Gather" Be careful.

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Choices:

First Reading, Children's Message,
Kyrie, Concerns and Celebrations,
Prayer of the Day, Musical Offering,
Gathering Song, Communion,
Lord's Prayer, Greeting, The Peace,
Confession and Forgiveness