

5th Grade Sunday School

Liturgy / We Listen

Date: _____

Name: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Step Number 2

We Listen

Our second stop is called, **We Listen**.

Listening is very much involved in this portion of the liturgy. Here's the order for We Listen in the Liturgy:

- First, we hear from Acts. Often our first reading is from the Old Testament, during Easter, our readings are all from the New Testament.
- Second, we **sing an Alleluia verse**.
- Third, we hear from the **Gospel of John**, in the New Testament
- Fourth, we listen to **the sermon**
- Fifth, we sing a **hymn**
- Sixth, we confess (say) the **Apostle's Creed** (or celebrate a baptism which has the Apostle's Creed in it)
- Seven, stand and **pray** for the needs of the congregation, community and world.

FIRST READING: Acts

Acts tells the story of what happened to the brand new Christian community after Jesus ascended into heaven. There are a lot of stories of how Paul and Peter and others spread the message of Jesus. Even though Acts is in the New Testament, often the first reading comes from the Old Testament. **How many books of the Bible are there in the Old Testament?** _____

Song for the Word (short hymn)

We stand and sing a short hymn (song) just before we hear the Gospel. We stand to show reverence and respect for God's holy word, which we are about to hear. There are several of these short verses and they all have this in common: They ask God to send us his word and to prepare our hearts for hearing his word/message.

GOSPEL READING: John

The word **Gospel** comes from the old English word, "Godspell" good news to us through his death and resurrection; the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The four gospels tell us about the life of Jesus Christ. The four gospels are present in the words of the Bible.

*good tidings, or **GOOD NEWS**. Jesus brings about that good news. The Gospel authors are witnesses of Jesus the Christ, our Lord. God is*

SERMON

A sermon is a special message about God. Sermons should remind us of God's love for us and that we too are disciples and have a purpose. Pastors prepare for the sermon all week long. Pastors think and pray about what they should say to all the people on Sunday morning. A sermon should feed our souls like a nutritious meal feeds our bodies. God is present in the words and helps us to understand the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

This hymn (song) enforces the message of the sermon. What is the Hymn of the Day about today?

APOSTLES' CREED

A creed is a statement of what we believe – the most important thing that we believe. You might say that this creed is the foundation of our faith. We believe in God. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Who is the faithful? You are, and everyone in the sanctuary. We pray for the people in the congregation, the people in our community and for the people in the world. Each week the prayers change to fit with specific needs. Notice that the assisting ministry (a member) leads the prayers.

YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT MINISTER TOO!

Would you like to read in church or lead the prayers?
Serving is an important way of being a Christian.

yes No

1. Which part of the Bible is the First reading *usually* from? (circle answer)

Old Testament

New Testament

2. What was the 1st Reading about?

3. The gospel was from which of the following? (Circle the correct answer)

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

4. What was the sermon title? Why was it called this?

5. What did you learn from the sermon? (Do not skip this question)

**6. What would you say the "Song for the Word" was about?
(Do not skip this question)**