

Bethany stained glass in the back of the sanctuary depicting the Ascension of Christ in the central figure

The Ascension of Our Lord

Divine Service 3

May 9, 2024 7:00pm

Scripture of the Day

Acts 1:1–11 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53

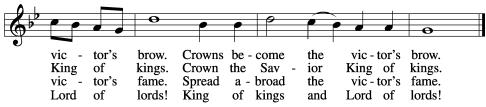
A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: BRYN CALFARIA ("Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"), M. Burkhardt

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Processional Hymn: Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious LSB 495 1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich 2 Crown the the tro - phies 3 Sin - ners de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus in the 4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -Θ From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, Sor - rows now! Je - sus brings: On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him claim: Sav - ior's Saints and an gels crowd a - round Him, sus takes um-phant chords! Je the high - est sta - tion: Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him! While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him! Own His ti tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him! -Oh. what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

[**P**] In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. С Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22] P Our help is in the name of the Lord, С who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8 **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, С and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **C** Amen.



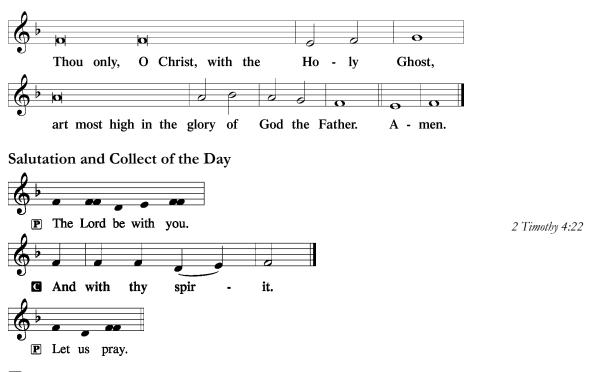
+ Service of the Word +



LORD, HAVE MERCY

Gloria in Excelsis





Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

The First Reading Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response: "Up in the Sky", H. Lettermann / C. Peter

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.





The Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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C I believe in one God,	Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6
the Father Almighty,	Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible.	Colossians 1:16
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God,	John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds,	John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light	John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God,	Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made,	John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30
by whom all things were made;	Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
came down from heaven	John 3:13, John 6:38
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35
and was made man;	John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.	Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried.	John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures	1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven	Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory	Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end.	2 Peter 1:11
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life,	Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and	glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Who spoke by the prophets.	Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,	1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,	Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38
And I look for the resurrection of the dead 1 Corinthian	ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life $+$ of the world to come.	Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Amen.	Psalm 106:48

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Stanza 4 sung by Choir only 0 New 1 A hymn of glo - ry let sing! us 2 The ap - os Up ho - ly tol - ic band "Why the 3 To them shin - ing an - gels cry, (Choir) 4 "You see Him now, as cend - ing high Up 0 hymns through - out world shall Al-le - lu - ia, the ring: the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al-le - lu - ia, on sky?" Al-le-lu-ia, stand and gaze up on the to the por - tals of the sky." Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu ia! Christ, by а road be fore un al - le - lu ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers al - le - lu -"This the Sav - ior," ia! is thus they al - le - lu af ia! "Here -ter Je sus you shall O trod, As cends the throne of un to Their maj - es -Lord as - cend in see "This is His glo rious tri - umph say; turn - ing see Re in great maj - es -Ο God. Al - le - lu al - le - lu ia! Al - le ia, --Al - le - lu al - le - lu Al - le -ia, ia! ty. Al - le - lu al - le - lu day!" _ ia, ia! Al - le -Al - le - lu al - le - lu ty." _ ia, ia! Al - le -0 o lu - ia, ia! al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu lu - ia, al - le - lu al - le - lu ia! _ ia, lu - ia, al - le - lu _ ia, al - le - lu ia! lu - ia, al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia! _

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5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia! Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

 △6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia! You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon Rev. Emmett Bartens

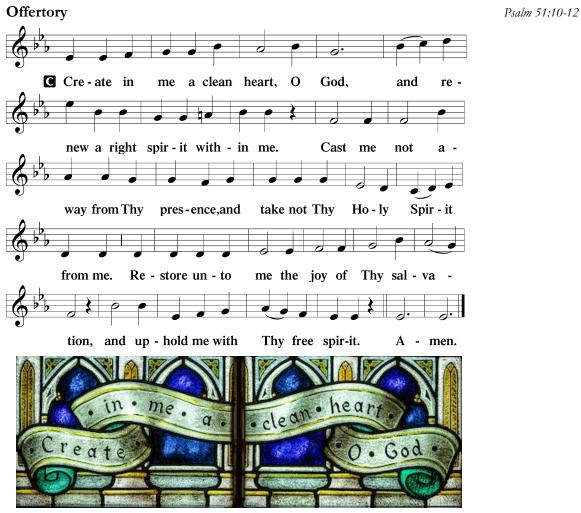
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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

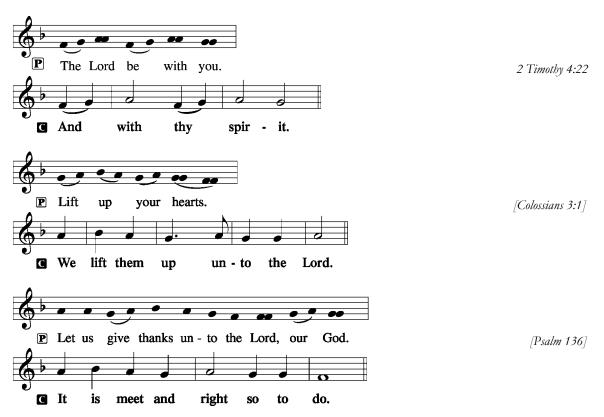
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+ Service of the Sacrament +

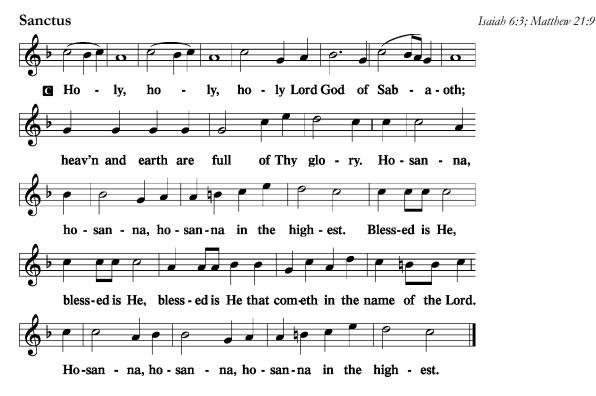
About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.



Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



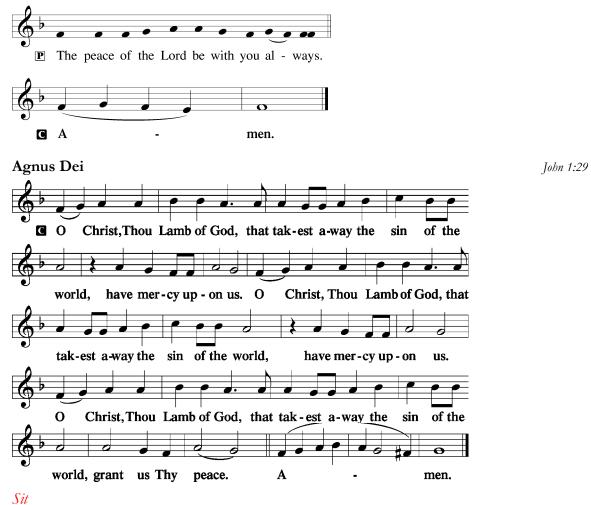
The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



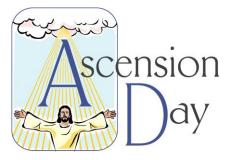
A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

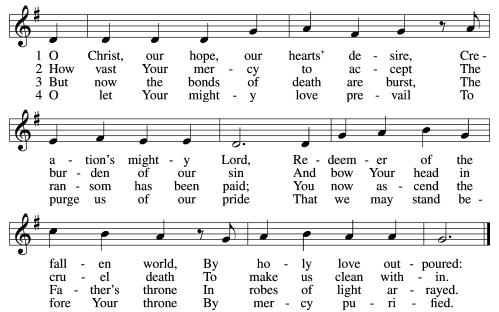
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Distribution Hymn: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build 1 On Christ's as - cen - sion now build The hope of my Ι as -2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace Re - call-ing Your as to me, This hope a - lone has cen - sion; al - ways stilled All doubt and My heart will rest in Him a - lone, tain - ing, No oth - er That I may serve You faith - ful - ly cen - sion, In thanks for ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well Ι For where my trea-sure went be - fore, rest re - main - ing; There And then, when all my days will cease, mv re demp - tion; Let know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them. my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep-est yearn-ing. all in joy and peace In me de - part an - swer to my plead-ing.

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Distribution Hymn: O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire



- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, our future great reward; Our only glory, may it be, to glory in the Lord!
- △6 All praise to You, ascended Lord; all glory ever be To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, through all eternity!

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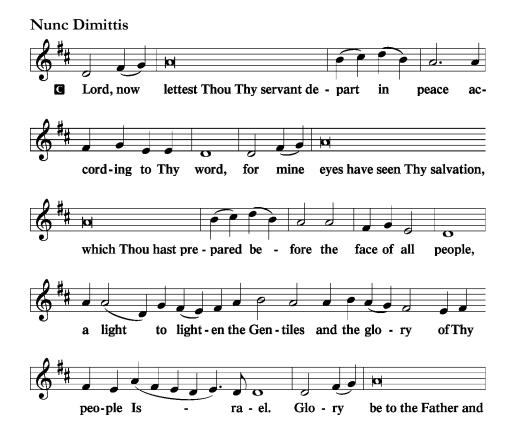
Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

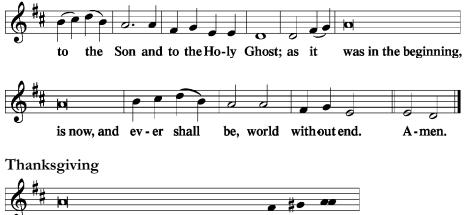
Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

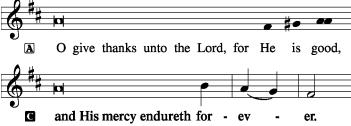
C Amen.



Luke 2:29-32







Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

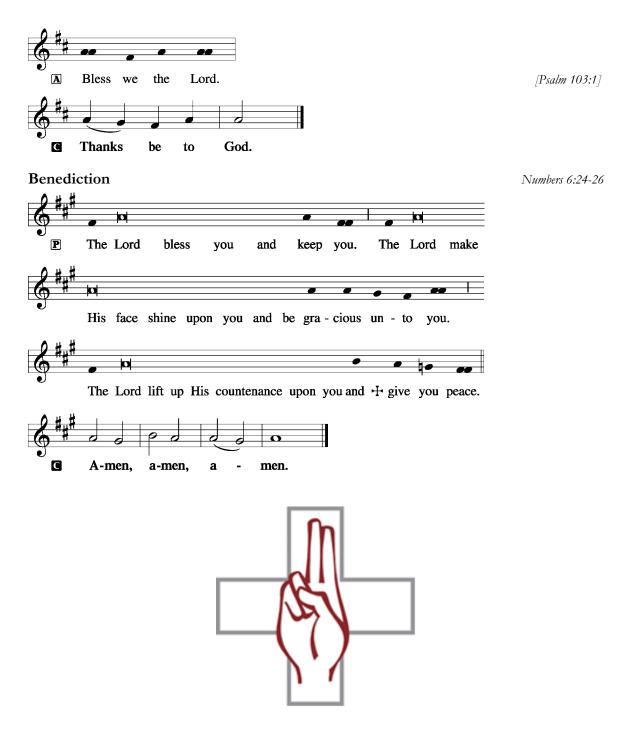
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus



2 Timothy 4:22



Closing Hymn: Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



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Postlude: ASCENDED TRIUMPH ("Up through Endless Ranks of Angels"), R. Schultz



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A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Emmett Bartens Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett Choir: Bethany 3rd-5th Grade Live Stream Tech: James Blasius Acolytes: Jonah Swett Sacristans: Marty Franken, Dominic Salvino Ushers: James Franken, Keith Luhrs Communion Care: Pam Splitt





KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the date today?

Usually when someone asks this question, you might look to a calendar for the answer. The date might help determine what to wear, where to go, and what you might do. For example, if the date were January 15, you might

decide to wear warm winter clothes. If it were July 12, your family might have a picnic. Calendars help keep things in order.

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What does this have to do with the Divine Service?

The Church's calendar determines much of what happens in worship each Sunday (like the colors in the Sanctuary, or the readings for the day). The Church has its own calendar and its own seasons. The Church's seasons are based on the different events in the life of Christ and His Church. Instead of Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring, the Church's calendar has Advent, Christmas, Lent and many more. This calendar helps put order to the seasons and festivals of the Church.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the front of the hymnal to find the liturgical calendar. Go through the calendar and discuss the different seasons. Remind them that many of the special dates we have on our everyday calendars come from the liturgical calendar, i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc.

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