

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday;** Job 5:1-27, John 2:13-25

**Monday;** Job 6:1-13, John 3:1-21

**Tuesday;** Job 6:14-30, John 3:22—4:6

**Wednesday;** Job 7:1-21, John 4:7-26

**Thursday;** Job 8:1-22, John 4:27-45

**Friday;** Job 9:1-35, John 4:46-54

**Saturday;** Job 10:1-22, John 5:1-18

**Sunday;** Job 11:1-22, John 5:19-29

And Jesus said "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." John 3:16-17 ESV.

### New Business Manager

Welcome to our new Business Manager, Jaylene Miller. Currently she is transitioning from selling her home in NE to finding a home here in Glencoe.

Jaylene will be in the office this week Sun., Feb. 8 – Tue., Feb. 10. Soon she hopes to have regular weekly office hours Monday – Wednesday.

Please feel free to leave Jaylene a message by calling the church office or emailing her at [business@1stglencoe.org](mailto:business@1stglencoe.org) or emailing her personal account at [gsus1st@live.com](mailto:gsus1st@live.com).

### Measure of Our Stewardship

Budgetary Needs = Total budget divided by 52. The General Fund Receipts include Sunday through Saturday receipts. These amounts are not reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.

#### GENERAL FUND INCOME

Tuition Income:	\$	
G/F Envelope Income	\$	
Weekly Budgetary Need	\$	25,052

#### CHURCH ATTENDANCE 02/01/2026

Worship Total	230
Communed	117
Visitors	0
Adult Bible Study	31
Sunday School	21 \$11

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we are working through the business manager position and responsibilities.



### E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation.

It allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, Ways to e-Give: and make your gifts recurring.

1. Give on-line via: [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)
2. Vanco Mobile Faith – Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619.
4. Use the QR Code. It is provided to the left.

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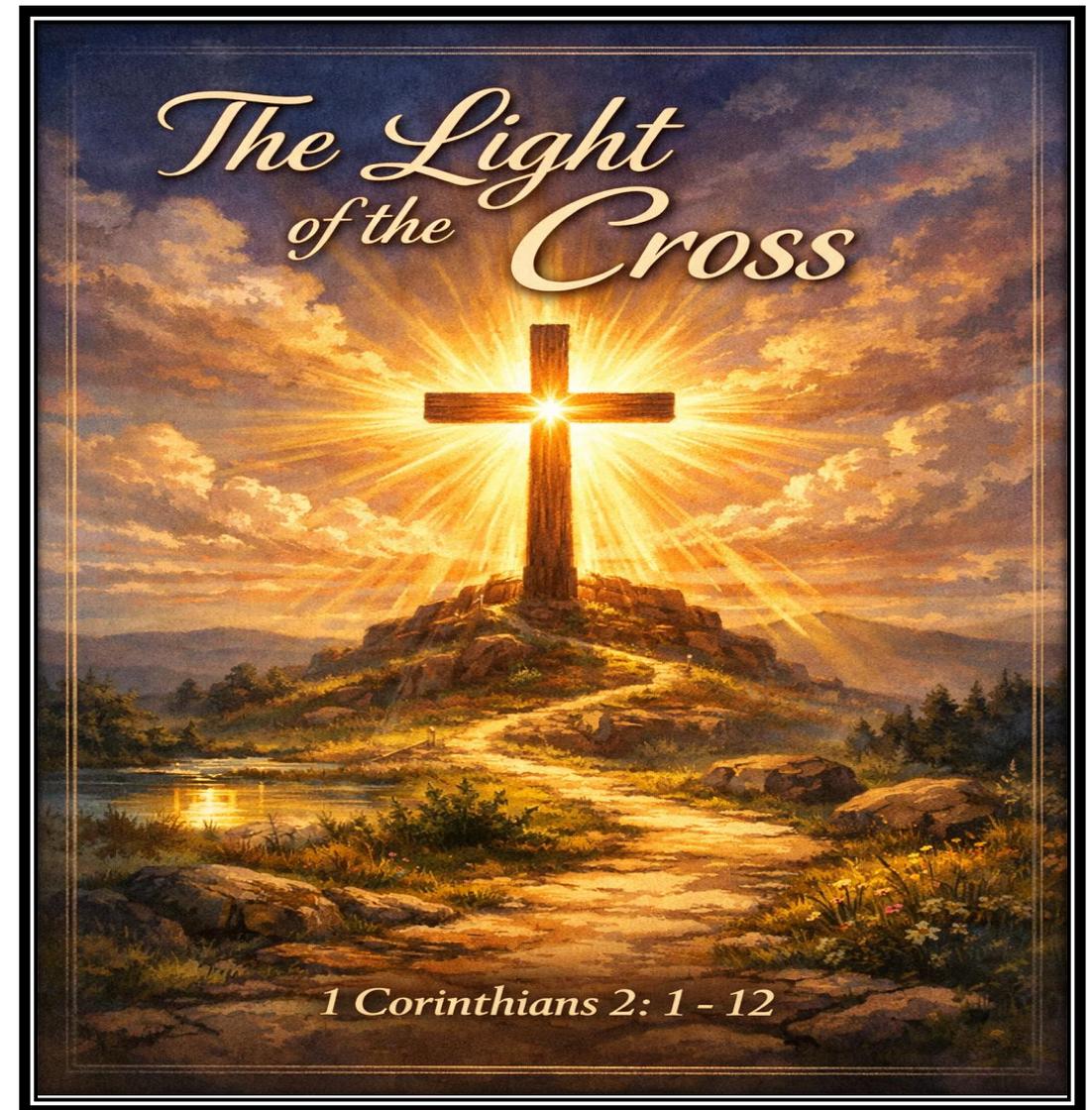
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## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2026  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2026  
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**AS WE GATHER** To know God intellectually, merely to exercise a fasting ritual without faith, can be devoid of purpose. But, through the Holy Spirit, the wisdom of God is made known to us in our hearts and minds. Then acts of mercy for those enmeshed in poverty, wicked, and hunger season the world with God's graciousness and righteousness. In these moments, God's favor is made known, light shines, good works are done, and God alone is glorified.

### HERITAGE SUNDAY

#### 🎵 HYMNS

8:00 AM~ #560, 578, 563, 526  
10:30 AM~ #560, 578, 563, [396, 620, 728], 526

#### BIBLE READINGS

**Old Testament Lesson**~ Isaiah 58: 3 – 9a  
**Epistle Reading**~ 1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 12  
**Gospel**~ Matthew 5: 13 - 20  
**Introit**~ Psalm 119: 9 – 16, anti. v. 12

**SERMON** "The Light of the Cross"  
1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 12 Rev. Dan Welch

#### DEACONS

8:00 AM~ Will Frebert, Lee Terlinden  
10:30 AM~ Dan Nikolaisen, Dennis Wolter

**ACOLYTES 8 AM**~ Bryce Mathews, Savannah M.  
10:30 AM~ Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf

#### CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. and Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

**ORGANIST** Mr. Paul Otte

**GREETERS 8:00 AM**~ Dave & Betty Witthus  
10:30 AM~ Jada Neid, Mitchell Zajicek

**PA / SOUND 8:00 AM**~ Kevin Cohrs  
10:30 AM~ Grady Schuff

**CAMERA 8:00 AM**~ Robert Schuff

**SCREENS 8:00 AM**~ Piper Polzin, Priya Wisch  
10:30 AM~ OPEN

**FACEBOOK LIVE** ~ Alex Cisewski

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** ~150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**S. S. ASSISTANTS** ~ Melissa Cisewski

**Special Music** (8:00 a.m.) Kings' Kids Choir  
FLS Grades 3 and 4  
"Christ Be My Leader"

#### INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

-- Lee & Randall Carrigan, Marcia Dummer, Tom & Delores Dressel, Arlyce Grack, Willis Herrmann, Bob Hollowell (Father of Megan Polzin) who has cancer, Howard Hoecke, Brenda Ide (Wife of Lars Ide), Bonnie Ide (Sister of Lars Ide), Shirley Krienke, Kali Marshall (11-year-old daughter of Angela Templin-Marshall and Tony Marshall) who is undergoing chemo for leukemia and lives in Panama City, FL; Pastor Ronald Mathison, Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Joanne Samuelson, Braelynn Schrunck (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Ashley Smith (Cousin of Danielle Petterson) who has cancer, Randee Petterson (Mother of Justin Petterson), Earl VonBerge

*If you are blessed with the birth of child, please let the church office know.  
We would love to celebrate with you by including him or her in our church prayers!*

### This Week at First Lutheran!

Please Note: At 1:50 p.m. each day, we have "Congregation in Prayer."

#### Sunday, February 8

HERITAGE SUNDAY  
8:00 AM – Divine Service, 🎵 King's Kids sing  
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time  
9:15 AM – Education Hour  
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion  
**NO** Blaze this month

#### Monday, February 9

1:00 PM – Quilt Tying  
3:15 PM – School Staff  
6:00 PM – Christian Education  
6:30 PM – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
6:30 PM – Young Adults Bible Study

#### Tuesday, February 10

9:00 AM – Women's Bible Study  
10:30 AM – GlenFields  
1:15 PM – Staff Meeting  
1:30 PM – Mat Makers  
7:00 PM – Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, February 11

3:30 PM – Public School Catechism  
6:15 PM – Senior Choir

#### Thursday, February 12

8:15 AM – Chapel  
2:00 PM – Grand Meadows

#### Sunday, February 15

8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion  
🎵 Senior Choir sings  
9:00 AM – Fellowship Time  
9:15 AM – Education Hour  
10:30 AM – Divine Service  
6:30 PM – Ladies' Bible Study

#### ADDITION TO THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR

The Booster Club will be meeting Mon., Feb. 16 at 6:00 p.m.

The two plants in the floral baskets are given in Honor of Jordan, Joey, and Ethan, Grandsons of Virgil & Lynn Schauer.



#### YOUTUBE PAGE

Here is the link to the YouTube page  
<https://www.youtube.com/@1stGlencoe/videos>

### General Church Announcements

#### SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for being with us here today! For our Visitors, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers on your way out. The Board of Evangelism has gift bags for all ages!

#### CHILDREN IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Located at the sanctuary entrances, there are English and Spanish Children's Bibles, Noah's Ark busy bags (actually backpacks), and a sensory bag (puzzle backpack). You are invited to use these during the Divine Service, as well as the Children's Bulletins, Children's Devotional Books, and Children's Pew Cards.

#### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

##### Session 4: To Live Is to Love

Our final topic is: "To Live is to Love". God is love, and in Jesus we have the perfect example of God's love for the world. In Nurturing Your Faith: To Live Is to Love, we learn of the four life-affirming "loves" the Bible speaks of. We are reminded that God's love toward us is transformative, changing hearts by His grace into people who live by faith in Him and love for one another.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 8 – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
Matthew 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

#### PASTORAL VISITS

If you or a close family member would like to be visited by one of our pastors, and / or have a communion visit, please contact the church office at 320.864.5522 and we would be happy to schedule a visit.

#### MONTHLY & QUARTERLY DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE

To help strengthen your faith and bring you true peace and joy, there are devotions for all ages! Please check out My Devotions (for children), Portals of Prayer, and Strength for the Day, all available on the greeters stands.

- There are also two large print editions available.

## First Lutheran Miscellaneous



### Plastic Bags Needed

**BAGS NEEDED!** 28 completed mats were recently delivered to LCMS Minnesota South District "New Freedom" mission. They were distributed that same, very cold day to the large homeless camp near downtown St. Paul. Currently, Mat-Makers are need more plastic bags. Please continue to **bring your used, clean plastic grocery-type bags** to the receptacle in the south entry of church.



### Christmas Wish Tree Thank-You

A HUGE thank you to all who donated to the school's 2025 Wish Tree. A total of \$4,260 as well as other gifts were donated this year! With these donations our teachers are able to purchase items for their classroom that they wouldn't otherwise be able to. Just a few of the items they will be able to purchase is books and shelving units for the school library, art supplies, math supplies and classroom games and storage bins. With sincere appreciation, FLS staff and students.



## Youth Group, Laser Light, Snow Tubing Event has been cancelled.



### Yamaha Baby Grand Piano

Looking for a new home (from Kathy Miller) – "The piano is a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano GC1 that belonged to my late husband. I am donating it as I recently relocated to a smaller home that cannot accommodate it, and I would like it to go to someone or an organization that will truly appreciate and care for it. The piano measures 151cm by 146cm and is in excellent condition. It was tuned just a few weeks before my husband's passing."

If interested in the piano, please contact Kathy Miller at [kathy12miller02@gmail.com](mailto:kathy12miller02@gmail.com).



## New Church Member Welcome!



We cordially invite everyone to attend our upcoming "WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS" Reception on **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 9:15 AM**. This reception is to welcome all new members from the past year. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow First Lutheran family.

*Ephesians 4:16:*

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together... grows and builds itself up in love."*

New members include Todd Iddings, Mathew Iddings, Cullen Hoffmann, Amy Parpart, Ethan Parpart, Aiden Parpart, Blake Braunworth, Anthony Roush, Rev. Michael Ewert, William Sampson, Ryan Dammann, Dawn Dammann, Nolan Dammann, Paul Perschau, Derek VanDeVeire, Bailey VanDeVeire, Remi VanDeVeire, Rhett VanDeVeire, Mark Bruner, Laura Bruner, Morgan Bruner, Dylan Bruner, Logan Bruner, Arnoldo Rodriguez Jr., Rosa Rodriguez, Skyler Rodriguez, Evelyn Rodriguez, Haily Weber, Everly Kugath, Robert Hallowell, and Dorta Hallowell.



# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News and Updates!

### FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

### February Historic 150<sup>th</sup> Calendar

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran February edition of the Historic 150<sup>th</sup> Calendar is available. Please be sure to pick up your copy. The calendars are available in the church south entry. If you have any questions regarding the many opportunities and events planned, please reach out to the church office at 864-5522.



### Today, February 8, is Heritage Sunday!

Heritage Sunday is celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in 2026. All members are invited to participate! Congregants are invited to wear "old fashions" such as hats, gloves, veils, canes, *etc.* We will be singing the Doxology in German, at the end of Divine Service, Setting 3, which is a modernized version of the original German Lutheran Liturgy. We will also be using the long pole, collection plates for offering. Join us for the fun "throw-backs!"



### Congregation In Prayer

Daily at 1:50 p.m., members are invited to stop and pray. You may pray for as short or as long as you would like. You may pray for whatever you would like. For example, you could say a quick thank you for the blessings God has given you, or for God's guidance in the lives of His people. Other ideas may be found on the back of the February 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendar. More information may be found in the February Newsletter, p. 21.



### Continuous Bible Reading Update

The Bible Reading will take place **on Fri., FEBRUARY 20 from 6:00 AM to Midnight**. Please sign up for a 15-minute "reading slot." More info may be found in the February Newsletter, p. 16.



### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt

Have you purchased your special **Anniversary T-Shirt** yet? All sizes and colors are available for only \$15. Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may pay in the church office \* **Please note, if you plan to help with the Pancake Breakfast, volunteers are being asked to wear their purchased Anniversary t-shirt.** More information may be found in the Feb. Newsletter, p. 22.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**



### First Lutheran Display Case

A display case in the Glencoe Community Center will showcase First Lutheran Church and School during April, May, and June. We need assistance in planning and setting up this display. Please contact the Church office or Cindy Eggersgluess to help.



### Orphan Grain Train Clothing Drive

As part of our 150 acts of service for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are having a clothing drive. Please bring your like-new, gently-used clothing, shoes and blankets to the church fellowship center. There are collection totes to separate your items. Donations are being accepted now through Sunday, March 1. If you have questions, please see Cheryl Scheidt or Amy Welch. Thank you for your donations!



**UPDATE: We are now accepting donations of clean, washed, gently-loved STUFFED ANIMALS!**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church Events



### Mat – Makers Meet this Tuesday

Mat-Makers will meet **Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.** Devotions: God Gives Me His Seal of Ownership. Ephesians 1:13. Discussion question: What is an item you clearly mark to show that you own it? Guests are always welcome to drop in and observe Christians making mats for God's dear ones who need a place to sleep.



### Young Adult Bible Study Calendar Updates

Ch. 5 – February 9 and 23  
Ch. 6 – March 9 and 23  
Ch. 7 – April 13 and 27  
Ch. 8 – May 4 and 18

Bibles Studies are on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mackenzie and Cullen Hoffmann.



### Pancake and Sausage Meal

Save the date! The Pancake and Sausage meal is scheduled for **Sunday, March 22 from 9 AM – 1 PM.** Join us for a good meal and friendly companionship! For more information, please see the February Newsletter, page 24. Help us spread the word!



## Sales Opening SOON!

To access the site and place an order:

1. Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)
2. Enter the **Store ID code 1019** to continue.
3. Upon checkout, select the name of your seller (if applicable).

The site will open **Feb 16** and close at **10 PM on April 6.**

We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline.

\*PLEASE NOTE: Quantities are limited on fundraiser items. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on the website and customers will not be able to continue to order that item. Please get your orders in early to avoid limited item availability.

**Flower Pickup is set for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm in the church parking lot.**

# Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Meet in the Church Fellowship Center  
Grades 5-8 & 9-12



### Silent Auction Dates

**Fri., Feb. 20** – all auction items due  
**Sat., Feb. 28** – on-line auction begins  
**Sun., March 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Bump's catered meal  
**Sat., March 7** – on-line auction ends  
**Sun., March 8, 9 a.m. to noon** – item pick-up

## Opportunities to Share Your Time, Talents, & Treasures



### Easter Lily Sign-Up

Thinking ahead –Members are invited to purchase lilies to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter morning. The sign-up will begin the Sunday after Ash Wednesday. Lilies may be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones. **UPDATE: Cost is \$12, same as last year.**



### 2026 Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Radio Broadcasts are sponsored once a month at First Lutheran Church. You may sponsor a broadcast in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. **Cost is \$200.** Radio broadcasts are recorded and aired on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. **Currently we have 1 sponsor for 2026.**



### 10:30 AM Screen Service Presenters Urgently Needed!

**We need volunteers to help run the 10:30 AM screens.** Responsible youth and adults are all welcome to volunteer. You would run screens about once a month. Amy Welch would supervise training and when you feel comfortable independently running the screens, then you would be added to the schedule. Youth may use this opportunity for Honor Society service hours & Catechism requirements. Contact Amy at 864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org.



### Lenten Desserts and Suppers Update

**Ash Wednesday, next Wed., Feb. 18,** marks the beginning of Lent. After the 2:00 services, the LW in Mission is hosting a time of desserts and fellowship. At 5:30 p.m. are the Lenten Meals. **Wed., Feb. 18 – Youth Fundraiser of Pulled Pork and the fixings. Wed., Feb. 25 – FLS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Wolf Ridge Fundraiser of Soup and Sandwiches.** Rest of the Wednesdays are open. Please call the church office to host a Lenten Supper!



### Basket Donations for 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction

Preparations have started for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction. It will be held online from Feb. 28 - March 7. Donations (new items only, please) can be brought to the church office **by Feb. 20.** This is our largest school fundraiser and we couldn't do it without your help! **Please consider donating a basket, gift cards or other items (new items only please).** Donations can be brought to the Church Office by Fri., Feb. 20. Thank you in advance for your support!



### Handbell Choir Rings Again!

Pr. Michael has offered to direct the handbell choir for First Lutheran. Although exact details are not confirmed, we are seeking interest and information on members who would like to ring. Please contact Pr. Michael at [pastor@1stglencoe.org](mailto:pastor@1stglencoe.org) to tell your interest and availability to practice. Tentatively, he is looking at starting after Easter to play a few times throughout the year. We look forward to praising God with our talents and to ring together.



### Bids for Mowing First Lutheran Cemetery

Bids are now being accepted for mowing the First Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe. Bids should be submitted before March 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2026 mowing season. Mail bids to Bruce Donnay at 1604 Birch Ave. N., Glencoe. Contact Bruce if you have questions (320-510-0438).



### UNIVERSAL SIGN-UP QR CODE

To take advantage of the many opportunities we have for you to volunteer, please call the church office at 864 – 5522 or use the QR code to the left.

Thank you for sharing your Time, Talents, and Treasures at First Lutheran!

**All glory be to God!**

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Why is Confession so important to a Christian?

Confessing our sins is important! When we confess them, we see just how terribly sinful we are.

We also know that sin brings nothing but eternal death and separation from God. When we confess our sins, not only do we see that we are sinful, but we admit to God that we deserve death and separation from Him forever. We are free to admit all of this to Him because we know that Jesus has already died and paid for all of our sins.

## After we have confessed our sins, is there any hope?

After Confession comes Absolution, or, the forgiveness of sins! In Jesus we have the sure and true promise of forgiveness of sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Wow! Absolution is *absolutely* wonderful!



**Parents:** Before the service, read through the confession and explain the words that might be confusing. During the service, help direct your children to the Confession/Absolution as it happens. Remind them that when the Pastor is speaking, it is as if God himself is speaking these words of comfort to us.



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

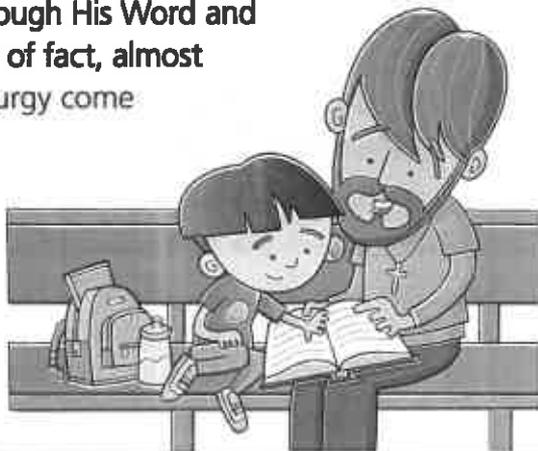
## What is the “liturgy”?

Maybe you have heard this word before. The word “liturgy” (pronounced LI-tur-jee) comes from the Greek word “leitourgia,” which means “public service” or “divine service.” The liturgy is God’s service to us through Word and Sacrament.

## Why do we use it?

Just as the word “liturgy” means “divine service,” God is the one serving us in our Lutheran worship. We are simply responding to Him with thanksgiving and praise. Isn’t it wonderful to be involved in worship that has God doing all of the work through His Word and Sacraments? As a matter of fact, almost all of the words in the liturgy come straight out of the Bible!

What a great way  
to worship on  
Sunday morning!



**Parents:** Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the various services in the hymnal. Encourage use of the liturgy with your family at home. Matins (*LSB*, 219) and Vespers (*LSB*, 229) make for great family devotions.

