Zion Lutheran Church



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330.

We invite you to learn more about our church family at Zion and what we believe as Lutherans. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office at 412-221-4776.

Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #790

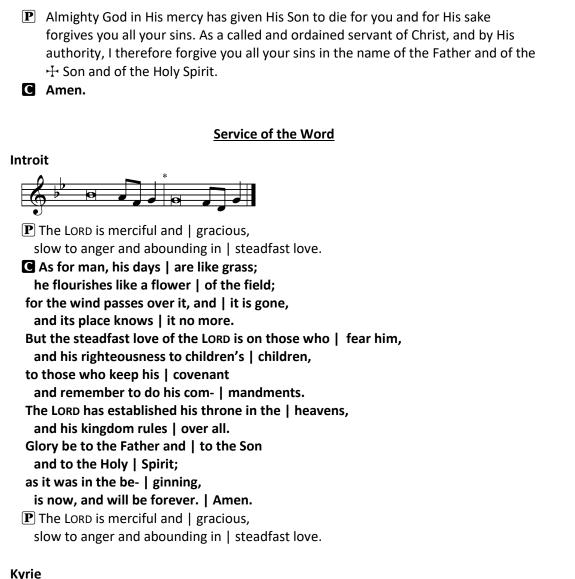
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear
 Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

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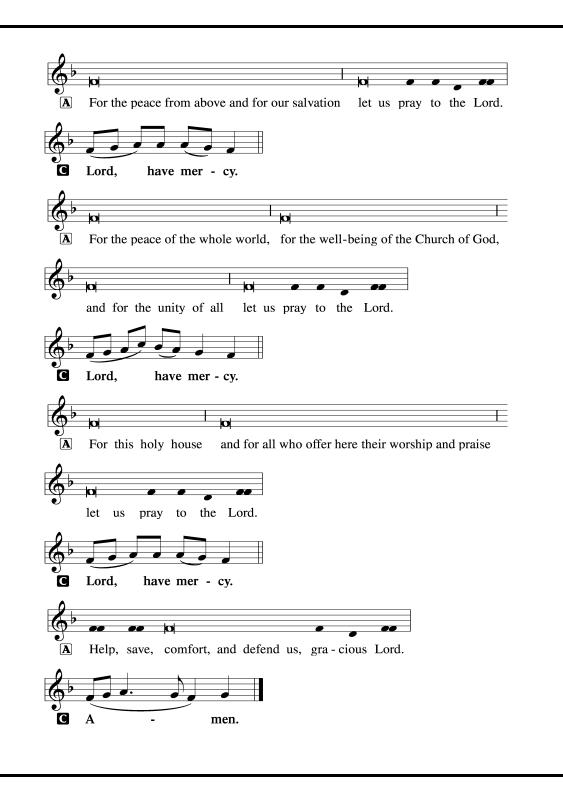
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

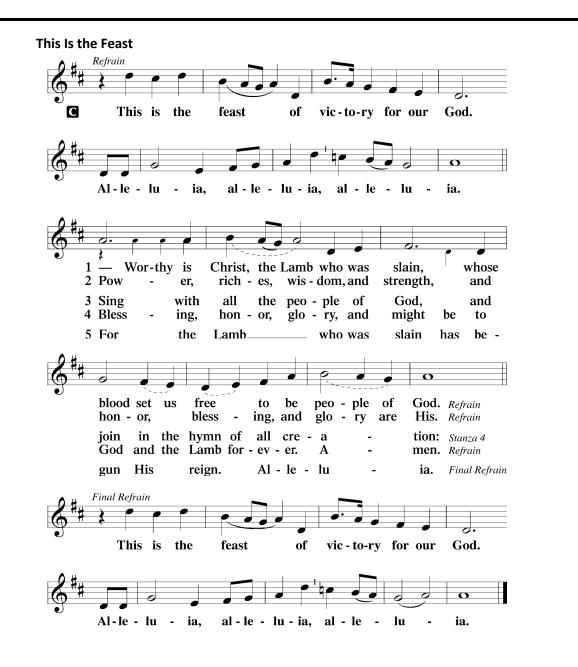
- Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
 Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do
 As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

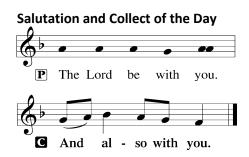
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.











P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 55:10–13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle -- Romans 8:12–17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



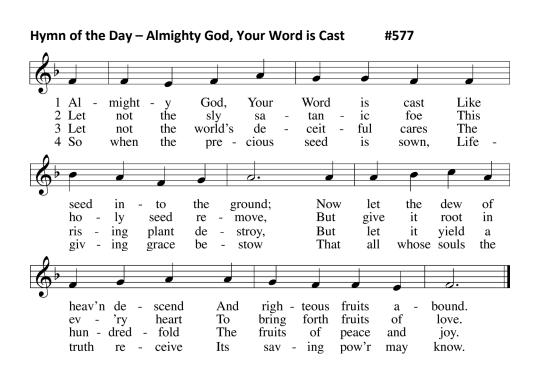
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose

they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear...

"Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Sermon

Apostles' Creed

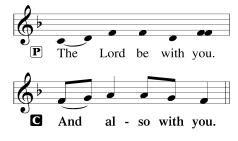
G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

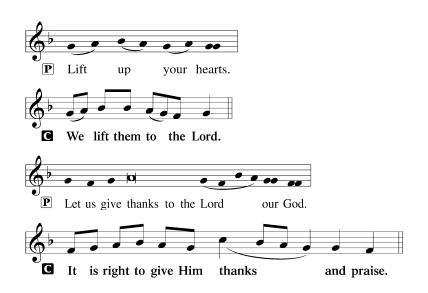
Prayer of the Church

- **P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** ... Lord have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface





 It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Hosan-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

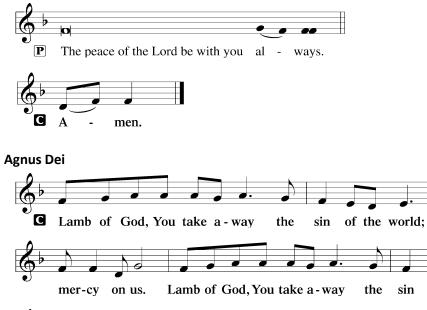
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

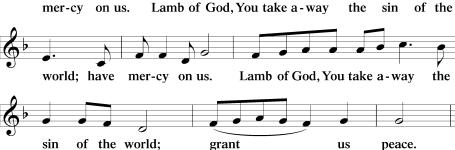
Lord's Prayer

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.

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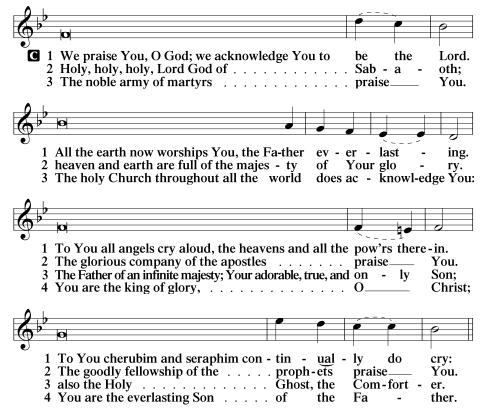
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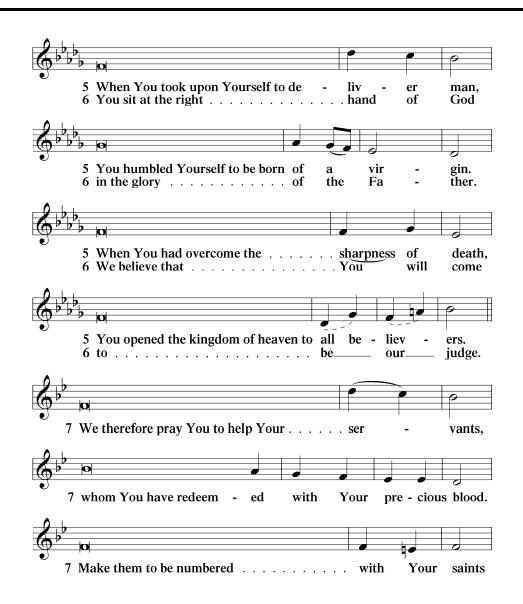
Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Your Table I Approach	#628
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	#686
For the Fruits of His Creation	#894

Te Deum





Post-Communion Collect

P 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.



Benediction



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn – On What Has Now Been Sown

- On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own

Acknowledgments

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And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.

 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-Healing for: Ken Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Gerry Hildenbrand, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For those who serve: Christopher Malachosky and Jared Fitzgerald who are serving in Texas, and Jacob Linsenbigler who is deployed in Iraq. -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants **†**

Pastor: Music Director: The Organist: The Acolyte: Altar Guild: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein Mark Killinger Doug Krantz Joshua Grimenstein (10:30) Sandy Bryant & Clara Hayes

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bernice DeBoe in memory of nieces Kimberly Rybarski Pesto and Amy Rybarski Pieno, and Elsie Dalla Piazza in memory of loved ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in memory of niece Kimberly S. Rybarski Pesto.

JOIN US FO R BIBLE STUDY TODAY at 9:15 downstairs in the fellowship hall. Coffee and individually wrapped breakfast items will be served!



July 12th—July 19th

SUNDAY 7/12 FOOD BANK	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible study in Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
COLLECTION MONDAY	Children's Sunday School Online
7/13 TUESDAY	
7/14	6:30-8:00 PM – Grow in Faith Children's Event details on previous page
WEDNESDAY 7/15	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion
THURSDAY 7/16	Rain Date – Grow in Faith Children's Event details on previous page 7:00 PM – Women's Book Club
FRIDAY 7/17	
SATURDAY 7/18	
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Going **GREEN** at Zion

Many people have recently asked if there will be any changes at Zion since Allegheny County has moved into the "green phase." Pastor Grimenstein and the Board of Elders have compiled a list of practices that will **CONTINUE** for now even after moving into the green phase, as well as **NEW** practices we will adopt. These practices are based on CDC guidelines for houses of worship as they re-open. In all things, the pastor and Board of Elders will



continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation so we can afford our members worshipping opportunities that are as safe as possible.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Worshippers will continue to sit in pews marked by white crosses (creating an 8-foot separation from others).
- All pews will be disinfected following each worship service with a bleach/water solution.
- No greeting line, sharing of peace, or passing of offering plates.
- Bulletins will not be recycled.
- Only 4-5 individuals or 1-2 family groups will be allowed at each side of the communion rail.
- All members are asked to please wear a mask when moving within the sanctuary (*entering and leaving church, or when walking to communion*).
- Masks and hand sanitizers will be provided at both entrances.
- The Sanctuary's fans/side air conditioners will continue to be utilized to increase airflow within closed spaces per CDC suggestions.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Wednesday evening service (7:00pm) will continue.
- NEW -- Thursday morning service (10:00am) will no longer be offered.
- NEW -- Saturday morning service (10:00am) will no longer be offered.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

• Wednesday evening Bible study (7:30pm) will remain <u>cancelled</u> for the time being.

- Thursday morning Bible study (10:00am) will remain cancelled for the time being.
- Saturday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast (8:00am) will remain cancelled for the time being.
- NEW -- Pastor's Sunday Adult Bible Study (Acts) will continue to be offered on the ZLCB.org website every Sunday through July 5th. The online version will no longer be available after July 5th. The study will <u>resume at 9:15am on Sunday July 12th</u> for in-person attendance in the fellowship hall.
- **NEW** -- To better conform to CDC distancing guidelines, we will implement the following procedures during Adult Bible Study:
 - ⇒ Half of the tables will be removed and readjusted to ensure greater distance between persons.
 - ⇒ Chairs will be spaced appropriately for individuals (*family groups may pull their chairs together*).
 - ⇒ Breakfast items will continue to be offered. Each item will be wrapped and sealed individually. All utensils will be disposable. Individual juice boxes will be provided rather than from a common container.
 - \Rightarrow Shared surfaces (coffee pot handles and countertops) will be periodically disinfected.
 - ⇒ Shared Bibles will no longer be available in the back. Members are encouraged to bring their own or utilize the scripture passages on the front screen.
 - ⇒ All members are asked to please wear a mask when moving within the fellowship hall (entering and leaving or while preparing a refreshment).
 - ⇒ Hand sanitizers will be provided, and their use is encouraged before and after getting a refreshment.

Pastor Grimenstein and the Board of Elders are very grateful for the maturity and respect the members of Zion have shown to one another during the past three months. As we move forward together, may we continue to gather, receive the gifts Christ has won for us, and care for one another in the best ways possible.

The Lord be with you,

Pastor Grimenstein Zion's Board of Elders



What is an "acolyte"?

The acolyte is the person (or persons) who lights the candles before the service. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos* which means "follower." In English, the word acolyte sometimes means "attendant."

Why do we use acolytes in the Church?

Acolytes have always been an important part of worship. For centuries, acolytes have attended to the service of God's people by helping the pastor in many different ways. In our

> churches today, acolytes primarily serve by lighting the candles. Acolytes wear robes and sit apart from the congregation because they are helping the pastor to serve God's people during the service. Wow! What an important job!

Parents:

During the Divine Service, point out the acolyte to your children. If they are too young at the time, encourage them that one day they will get the opportunity to be an acolyte. Remind them that being an acolyte is a very important job for children to have in the church.

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