

His saving presence in the words of the angelic hymn from Isaiah 6, and praying the prayer that Jesus taught us. The pastor speaks the Word of Our Lord over the bread and wine, which give us the true body and blood of the Lamb of God to eat and drink. Having received Jesus' body and blood with our own mouths, we give thanks to Him, praying that this holy gift will strengthen us in faith toward Him and love for one another. Have been served by Christ, we now go back into the world with His name on us to worship Him in our daily lives as we present our bodies as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2).

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Throughout the course of the year, we will follow the outline provided in the folder in your pew entitled "The Divine Service An Explanation". We will also learn the marks of the church, the validity of Scripture and how it is used to teach, for reproof, correction, and training in righteousness. We will also learn the role of the pastor, vestments, and many other topics.

This is a joyful opportunity to grow together as God's people in this place. We rejoice with the whole church of God who has poured out on us generously His grace. With grate joy we learn more about who we worship, namely the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, through His Holy Word. We begin our study on both the small catechism and the Divine Service on September 7.