

The Word of God we receive in the Divine Service goes with us, out into the world and into our everyday callings as parents and children. "Kids in the Divine Service" is written for parents and children to read and talk about together.

# Grace Notes

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## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### What is a "hymn"?

The word "hymn" comes from a Greek word which means "song of praise." Webster's Dictionary tells us that a hymn is "a song of praise especially in honor of God." In the Church, we sing hymns because they are God's Word put to music. What an awesome way to praise our Lord!

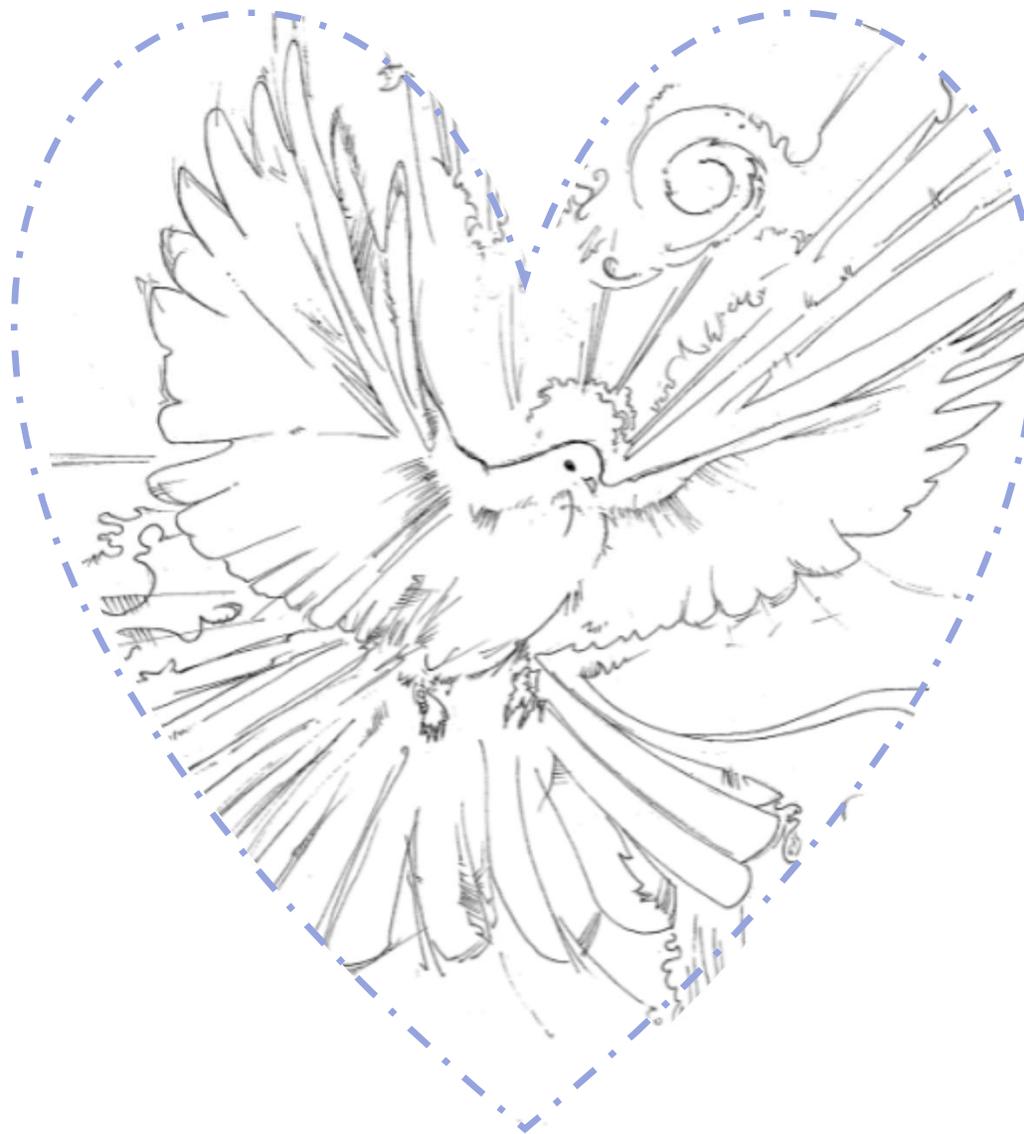


### Why do we sing hymns?

During the early years of the Christian Church, its music came from the Psalms. As new people came into the Church, they added new hymns. The Church's hymns have stood the test of time, never failing God's people as generations change. When we sing hymns, we are praising God with the words He has already put on our tongues! There is no better way to pray, praise, and give thanks to God than with the words He has given us.



**Parents:** In order to answer questions as to why we do what we do as Lutherans, including utilizing the hymnody, read the introduction on pages 6 and 7 in *Lutheran Worship*. Here you will find a brief summary of what Lutheran worship and hymnody are all about.



**Home Free.  
Signed, sealed, and delivered  
by the Holy Spirit.**

**Ephesians 1:13 The Message**



“We are the first people who *hoped in Christ*. And we were chosen so that we would bring praise to God’s glory. It’s in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves *home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit*. This down payment from God is the first installment on what’s coming, a reminder that we’ll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.”

Ephesians 1:12-14 The Message

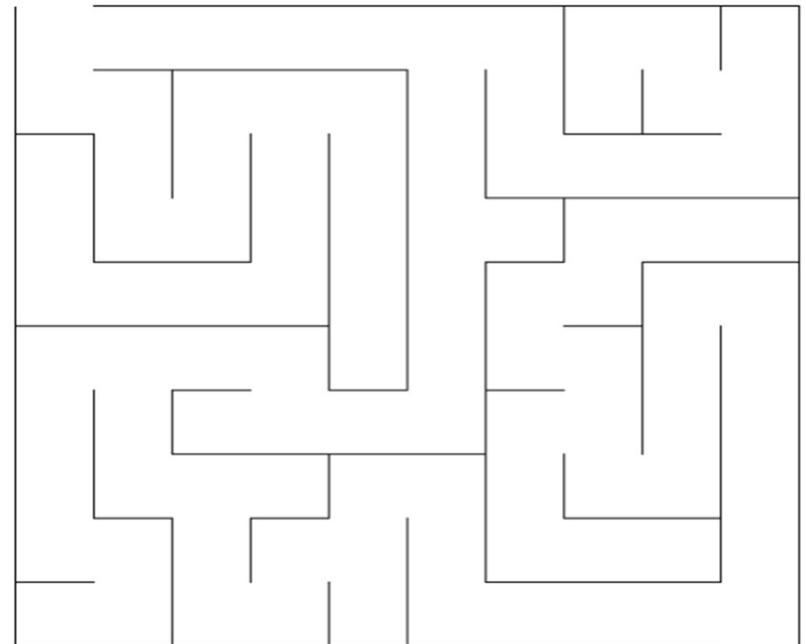


### Let us pray to the Lord, together.

Heavenly Father, You have loved me through Christ and chosen me as your child. I pray the Holy Spirit will guide me on Your path for my salvation. Do not be angry with me when I fail. I count on your peace, forgiveness, and grace, none of which I deserve, and all of which is a most precious gift from You. Thank you. In Jesus’ name I pray.

*Amen!*

### Follow God’s path



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to peace and grace



In Christ, He *chose* us before the world was made. In His love he *chose* us to be His holy people—people *without blame* before Him.

Ephesians 1:4 Internationals Children's Bible

And before the world was made, God decided to make us His own children through Jesus Christ. *That was what He wanted and what pleased him.*

Ephesians 1:5 Internationals Children's Bible



# God's Adopted Children

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

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KINDNESS	TRUST	GUARANTEE	ADOPT	BELIEVE
CHOSE	PRAISE	WISDOM	HEAVENLY	SECRET
PLAN	FREEDOM	PLEASURE	SPIRITUAL	BLESSED

## FAMILY TIME

Taken from "The Vocation of Raising in Children in the Faith: A Family-Centered Congregational Approach" workshop led by Rev. Dr. W. Mart Thompson, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Daily Devotions, Part 3, repeated for the writing on our hearts and minds.

The daily blessings we receive include:

- Connection with God
- Communication with your family
- Thanking God ...
- Seeking His guidance and help
- Learning our Savior's teachings.

Repetition is important for "writing" God's Word in our hearts and our memories. Being able to recall God's Word when we are sad, scared, or in trouble is very comforting and reminds us that God is with us always!

A Song "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow", LSB 805.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye Heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

And

A Prayer "The Lord's Prayer"

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory. Forever and ever. Amen.