

Student Make Up Work
February 4, 2026 - Lesson “Worship and the Church Year”

Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and questions to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the worship note drop off box at Cross of Christ.

Main Idea: *Worship is our center of our life together as Christians. It is where we encounter God and are sent out into the world.*

SHARE: highs and lows from the week together.

READ: Open your Bibles and read Acts 2: 43 - 47

What does the early Church and how we worship today have in common? How are they different?

TALK: Discuss with Parent

- What is worship?
 - Worship is about what God is doing and our response to God’s action.
 - Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Why do we worship?
 - Center of our life in faith. Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith.
 - It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while calling us to go out into the world to share the good news.
- Can you remember a memorable worship experience? Why did it stick with you?
- On a scale of 1 - 10, how much do you like going to worship? What keeps you from worship?
- How important is it to worship regularly as a community?

The Church Year

The Church year is annual cycle of festivals and season. It was developed out of scripture and by Christians generations long before us.

The church year connects us with scripture through a planned series of readings: Three year cycle.

Festival Half - Advent through Day of Pentecost (Events in the life of Christ)

Second Half - Season of Pentecost through Christ the King Sunday (Teachings of Jesus and Discipleship)

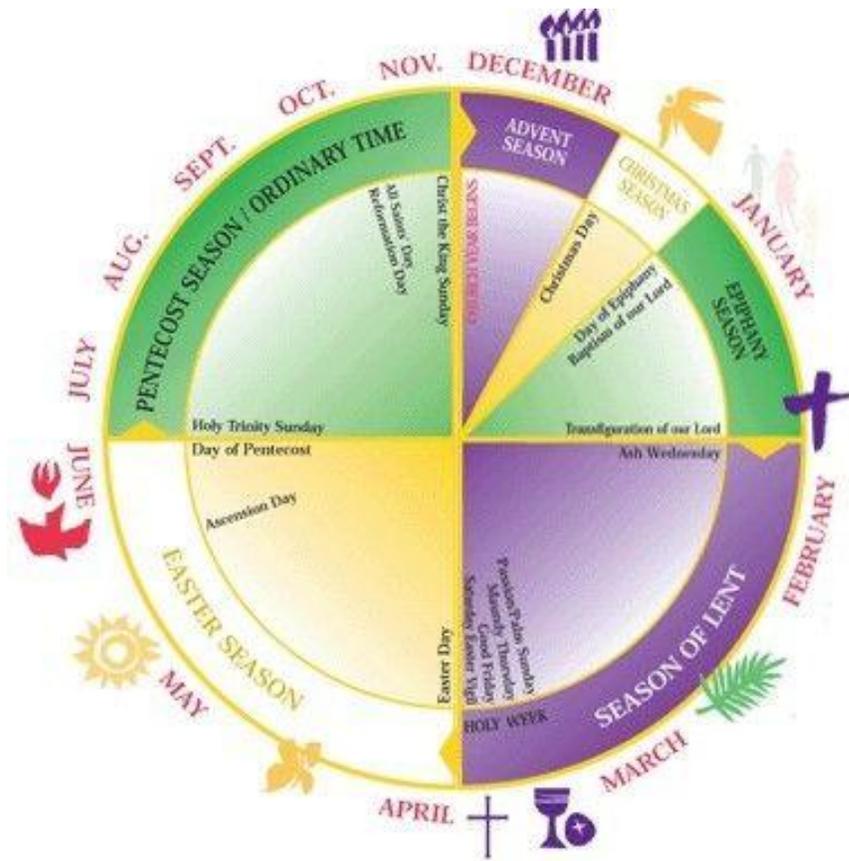
Early Christians - Every Sunday was Easter

Centuries Later - church depended on the readings, liturgy, and special days in the church to teach its members. Repetition helped believers to learn, remember, and celebrate the main teachings of faith.

Middle Ages - common Church Year Calendar took shape and colors for the season were adopted

READ: Open our bible and read Psalm 100

There are three great festival days in the church: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. There are six seasons of the church that connect them? Try to list them here and the color that is displayed in the sanctuary during that season:



Thinking about these seasons - what is your favorite season and why?

PRAY:

This is a prayer that is led, line by line, to fill in the sentence fragment.

Let us pray, *(Brief silence)*

God, you are.....

I thank you for.....

Forgive me for.....

I am concerned about.....

Give me strength to....

Help me understand....

I ask that you watch over....

Heavenly Father, we worship you with all that we say and do. Help us to lift up your name in praise and thanksgiving, and coming to you in our time of need. Be with us this week as we carry your word into the world. In your name, Amen.

Amen.

✝ BLESS:

Offer each other a blessing by making the sign of the cross on each other’s forehead or hands and say, “May you know God is with you this week.”

Signature of Student/Date:

Signature of Parent/Date:
