

Worship in the Home



Words in a Bucket Make one notecard for each of the following: Bible story, prayer, song title, a part from the Small Catechism, a piece of artwork, and activity question and put them in a jar, bowl, or bucket. Each person will draw a notecard and will lead what they have drawn. Prayers can be found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* pp 18-87. Bible verses can be found in *ELW Daily Lectionary* pp. 1121-1159. Songs can be chosen from any of the hymns from Sunday School, Vacation Bible School or ELW. Luther's Small Catechism pp.1160-1167.

Liturgical color of the church season. Have everyone bring something that goes with the color of the church season. Choose and sing a song that fits the church season.

Advent – blue

Christmas – white

Epiphany – green

Lent – purple

Holy Week – black

Easter – white/gold

Day of Pentecost – red

Holy Trinity - white

Season after Pentecost – green

Reformation (Oct. 31) – red

All Saints (Nov. 1) – white

Christ the King – white



Taking a walk.

As you are taking a walk as a family say praises and thanksgivings to God for what you see.



Kyrie/Gloria Each member of the family shares something unhappy that happened that day/week concluding with *Lord, have mercy*. Everyone repeats *Lord have mercy*. Each member of the family shares something good that happened that day/week, concluding with *Thanks be to God*. And everyone repeats *Thanks be to God*.



Worship Space – Making a place in the home sacred space

Create a space where the family can gather comfortably and all feel like equal participants.

Some examples are the dinner table, family room, playroom, porch, or sunroom. You can choose from the following ideas to set this space apart and rotate ideas throughout the year.

Christian Symbols

Advent wreath

Candles

Placemats/napkins - the color of the church season

Bowl of water

Cross

Pictures – from books, artwork, ELW, coloring books, children books, bulletins

Shells

Sandals

Flowers

Fishing net

Nativity/Easter Scenes

Other items that remind you of God

Figurines



Use musical instruments to accompany singing.

You can use whatever you have in your home – pot/pans, lids, bottles, glasses with water, spoons, paper plates with beans in the middle, and of course if you have piano, drums, guitar, trumpet, violin, harmonica, kazoo, recorder, etc.

If your family has other ideas or traditions, please share them through the blog.