

Pastor Kory's Page

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Definitions

Here is my "make-up" Pastor's Page for the month of February, 2019! I hope this is a case of "better late than never"!

I'd like to share some simple *definitions* with you this weekend. In the life and worship of the Church, there are many rich but unusual words which we use to describe biblical truths. And so I offer the following definitions for you in hope that some of them will help you gain a better understanding of your some aspect of your faith.

Absolution – announcing the forgiveness of your sins, such as the pastor does in the worship service

Agnus Dei – the Latin words for "Lamb of God," a name for Jesus spoken by John the Baptist in John 1:29

Antiphon – a verse of Scripture repeated before and after a Psalm; a refrain

CLC – Faith Lutheran's "Christian Life Center" (gymnasium)

Collect – a brief, structured prayer related to the theme of the service

Confession – admitting one's sins, or a statement of one's faith

DCE – an LCMS-trained "Director of Christian Education" (Rebecca Wiemer is Faith's DCE, or "Director of Youth and Family Outreach")

Divine Service – a way of describing the worship service, as God serves His people by pouring out His forgiveness, speaking His Word, and feeding us Jesus' body and blood; God's people respond through prayer and praise to Him

Doxology – words of praise addressed to the Triune God; out of respect, we usually stand for concluding doxological verses of hymns

Epiphany – the time of the Church Year in between Christmas and Lent in which Jesus, through Scripture, is revealed as true God and true man

Epistle – a letter from the early Church leaders, such as the letters written by Apostle Paul and Apostle Peter to the first Christian churches

Grace – God's Riches At Christ's Expense; God's undeserved love toward us sinners

Iniquities – sins, wickedness, ungodliness

Introut – a portion of a Psalm read at the outset of the Service of the Word

Invocation – calling upon God's name, usually done with Jesus' words from Matt. 28:19b; also, a reminder of your baptism

Justification – God declaring us right with Him for

Jesus' sake

Kyrie – Greek word for "mercy", as in the simple prayer, "Lord, have mercy"

Law and Gospel – a summary of God's Scriptural message to us; His Law shows our sin and His Gospel shows our Savior, Jesus!

LCMS – The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, the church body of which Faith Lutheran Church is a part

Lent – a forty day season of repentance prior to Easter (the forty days are counted from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays)

LHM/LLL – Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is an outreach of the Lutheran Layman's League (LLL); check it out at lhm.org

LHSSF – Faith is an association congregation of Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls (LHSSF) which is hosted at Memorial Lutheran Church

Liturgy – the order of worship; from the Greek word for "public service"

LWML – The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (see lwml.org); Faith's Goodwill Aid and Ladies Auxiliary groups are part of the LWML

Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "now depart"; canticle sung after receiving communion

Paschal – from the Latin word for "Passover"; also the name for the candle which is lit during the Easter season and at baptisms and funerals

Preface (& Proper Preface) – Scriptural responses and introduction to the communion liturgy

Repentance – to turn away from one's sin and turn toward the Lord

Sabaoth – Hebrew word for "hosts" – God is the Lord of the angel hosts or armies

Sacrament – Latin word for "mystery"; used by the Lutheran church to refer to Holy Baptism and Holy Communion (and sometimes to Confession and Absolution)

Salutary – beneficial, wholesome; a description of the blessings of receiving the Lord's Supper

Sanctification – God's work of making us holy

Sanctus – Latin for "holy"; a canticle sung prior to receiving Holy Communion

SFLS – Faith is an association congregation of the Sioux Falls Lutheran School Association, which provides Christian education for 2-year-olds through 8th grade

Vocation – Latin word for "calling"; each Christian has multiple callings from God in their church, family, community, workplace, school, and beyond

Do you have a question about other Church terminology or abbreviations? Please ask! Please also check out the glossaries in the front of *Lutheran Service Book* and in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

Peace in Christ,

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