

Church Year Project

The Task: Worship is the life of the Christian Church. It is where we hear the gospel and grow in our faith. But many times, people don't understand our worship very well. In order for you to get the most out of your opportunities to worship the Lord, we are going to study the Church Year.

Your assignment will have three parts. During the **research phase**, you will gather the information listed on the **Information sheet**. This is to be written out and handed in on **November 25th**. The attached **evaluation rubric** will serve as a guide for determining if you have done what you are supposed to do. Pastor Kieta will make some resources available to you in the class room. Others can be found at various websites. Links will be available on the church and school website.

During the **writing phase** you will write a report, to be given orally to the class, summarizing what you learned. This report is due on December 2nd. You will make your presentation to the class during the **oral report phase**. We will begin each catechism class with a report. You should be prepared to speak for a minimum of 3 minutes, but not more than 6 minutes. Oral reports will begin on December 4th and continue according to the schedule posted on the church and school web page.

You will receive three grades for this project, one for each phase. The three grades will be averaged to produce one project grade. The project grade will be equal to one test and will be averaged into your grade in the quarter in which you give your report.

If you or your parents have any questions, please contact Pastor Kieta

Resources in the Class Room:

The Altar Guild Manual pp. 75-86
Christian Worship pp. 157-161
Christian Worship: Manual pp. 369-449
Lutheran Worship: History and Practice pp. 146-172

The WELS website also contains some information. It is found at <http://www.wels.net/cgi-bin/site.pl?2601&collectionID=908>

Church Year Project Evaluation Rubric

Student:	Beginning to Meet (1-3)	Meeting (4-6)	Exceeding (7-10)	Score	Grade:
<u>Information Sheet</u>				/10	
Festival or Season	Information is only partially correct and incomplete	Information is generally correct and complete	Information is completely correct and thorough	/10	
Time	Information is only partially correct and incomplete	Information is generally correct and complete	Information is completely correct and thorough	/10	
Celebration	Information is only partially correct and incomplete Thought question shows minimal effort	Information is generally correct and complete Thought question shows some effort and creativity	Information is completely correct and thorough Thought question shows significant effort and creativity	/10	
<u>Written Report</u>	Somewhat legible Uses some writing conventions (periods, capitals, etc) Makes some corrections of errors from the information sheet Is somewhat clear	Reasonably neat and legible Uses writing conventions (periods, capitals, etc.) Corrects most errors from the information sheet Is generally clear	Very neat and legible Uses writing conventions correctly (periods, capitals, etc.) Corrects all errors from the information sheet. Is clear and easy to follow	/40	
<u>Oral Presentation</u>	Good use of voice Not fluent No eye contact Shows little organization	Good use of voice Good fluency Attempts eye contact with audience Shows practice and organization	Good use of voice Good expression and fluency Good eye contact with audience Rehearsed and well organized		
Average Grade					

Church Year Project Information Sheet

Your written and your oral report should include the following information:

Festival or Season?

Is your topic a festival or a season or both?

If it is a festival,
what season is it a part of?

What other festivals are included in that season?

What Scripture lessons are associated with your festival (give references and a one sentence summary of each)?

If it is a season,
how many Sundays does the season include?

What festivals are a part of the season?

How long is your season?

How does your season fit into the church year (what comes before and after)?

Time

When does the festival or season occur (time of the calendar year)?

Does it have a fixed date/set of dates or is it moveable?

Celebration

What is(are) the color(s) of your festival or season?

What symbols are associated with your festival or season, if any?

What special customs are observed in connection with your festival or season?

What does the name of your festival or season mean? Where does the name come from?

What does your festival or season *celebrate, commemorate or anticipate*?

Thought question: What ideas can you think of to make our church services special during your festival or season?