

KNOW YOUR FAITH – II
The Liturgy continued
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Invocation means *to call in* as to call God into our midst by the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Confession and Absolution We Begin our worship by reminding ourselves of our spiritual poverty, our brokenness, our missing the mark and our need for God's acceptance and forgiveness. We try to empty ourselves of our egos as we celebrate the Eternal among us.

The pastor/priest announces such forgiveness (The prodigal is welcomed home) and the congregation says AMEN to the pronouncement.

Kyrie means Lord as in *Lord have mercy, etc.* following several petitions.

Hymn of Praise Following asking God for mercy the liturgy changes into an upbeat song of praise and joy. For many centuries the hymn was the *Gloria in Excelsis*. Since 1978 Lutherans added "This is the Feast" which even Roman Catholics have used.

Readings Since the Reformation the reading of scripture is essential to both our worship and our learning.

Collect or Prayer of the Day is a prayer that sums of the theme(s) of the day for the three-year cycle of lessons and more.