

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “Gradual”?

The Gradual is the responsive reading that takes place between the Old Testament Reading and the Epistle Reading. The Gradual can be a Psalm or another portion of Scripture appropriate for the day.

Why do we do this in the Divine Service?

The word “Gradual” comes from the Latin word “gradus” which means “step.” As you can probably guess from its name, the Gradual is a stepping stone from one reading to another. In other words, after we read from God’s Word in the Old Testament, we use God’s Word in the Gradual to step to God’s Word in the Epistle. Wow! There sure is a lot of God’s wonderful Word in the Divine Service!



Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the Gradual for the day. Remind them to concentrate on God’s Word throughout the Divine Service.

