

THE MEANS OF GRACE

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ACTIVITY

PRAYER IN THE DIVINE SERVICE UPON COMPLETING STUDY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Following the sermon in the Divine Service, the confirmands and their parents/mentors come forward. They face the congregation, confirmands in front, parents/mentors behind.

Pastor: Friends in Christ, on the night on which He was betrayed, Jesus gathered His disciples in the Upper Room and instituted the Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray for our catechumens, that they will remember the truths they have learned concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, and that our heavenly Father would open their hearts to His grace and mercy so they may remain ever steadfast in the saving faith:

Congregation: Loving Father, bless and keep these young people. They are Yours; You have made them Your own through the waters of Baptism. You have nurtured them through Your holy Word. You invite them to partake in a special food—bread and wine in which they will also receive the very body and blood—for Your only Son, our Lord, has broken His body and shed His blood so that we might be Your children. Forgive the sins of these young people for Jesus' sake, and keep them ever strong in faith throughout all their days. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.