

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What are “rubrics”?

A rubric (pronounced ROO-brik) is a direction for conducting a service. The word “rubric” comes from the Latin word rubrica which means “red chalk.” Can you guess which words in our hymnal are the rubrics? If you guessed those words written in red, then you are right! They are red to make them look different from the words of the service.



Why do we use rubrics?

We all need directions so that we know what to do. **Rubrics offer direction to the pastor and the congregation during the service.** For example, the rubrics may tell us which page to turn to next. The rubrics may even tell us when to stand and when to sit. Rubrics help to keep everything in good order during the Divine Service. What wonderful tools the rubrics are!

Parents:

Take a few moments before or after worship to look at the different rubrics in the hymnal, then choose a few to discuss. Why are they so important? How might the directions which they give be helpful to us? How do they prepare us for the Divine Service?

