**WORSHIP: WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH**

**Session Sixteen, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, 31 March 2019**

**Children and Worship**

**9:20 to 10:10**

**Opening**:

LSB 605, “Father Welcomes” (Refrain, Stanza 1, Refrain)

**Why do we bring children to church?**

They are part of the body of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

Worship is the time when all believers come together.

It will be their spiritual seat belt.

**What can parents do at home to prepare?**

Make worship a priority and a regular routine.

Use positive language about going to church.

Play “church” at home.

If your routine isn’t working, change it.

Talk about church outside of church.

Teach your child how to sit quietly.

Have family devotions regularly.

Make Sunday morning special.

**Interlude:**

 LSB 442, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Refrain, Stanza 1, Refrain)

**What can be done during worship?**

 **Babies**

Work around or adjust eating and sleeping times.

Take turns with your spouse going to the Narthex.

Use the nursery as needed.

Go to the children's message.

Bring quiet toys and snacks to use during the service.

Attend the Toddlin’ to Jesus class.

**Toddlers or Preschoolers**

Teach church words and refrains at home.

Bring books and toys from home or use church busy bag.

Bring snacks.

Participate in the offering.

Watch for objects in the worship service.

Participate in the actions of the worship service.

Play “I Spy” or whisper-read a book.

Attend an adult class while your child goes to Sunday School.

**Elementary**

Use the hymnal.

Participate with the congregation.

Use a children’s bulletin.

Look forward to being an acolyte.

Attend an adult class while your child goes to Sunday School.

 **Teenage**

Participate in a serving role.

Keep the expectation that they will always attend church.

Keep the expectation that they will participate.

Attend an adult Bible class while your teen goes to Sunday School.

**How can people without children help?**

**What does Zion do to help parents?**

**Closing**:

 LSB 392, “God Loves Me Dearly” (Stanza 1, Refrain)

 LSB 315, Prayer for the Care of Children

***LOOKING AHEAD***

*4-7. . . Holy Week/Triduum/Easter*

*4-13 and 4-21 . . .No sessions on Palm Sunday and Easter*