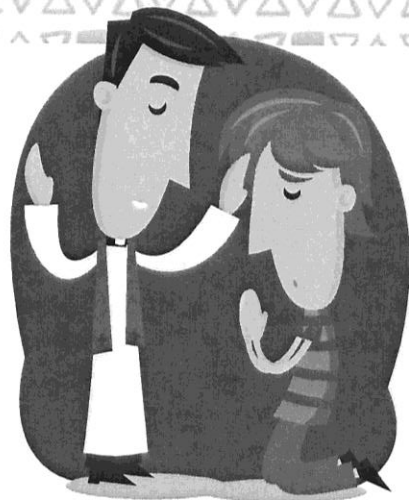


KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Why is Confession so important to a Christian?

Confessing our sins is important!
When we confess them, we see
just how terribly sinful we are.

We also know that sin brings nothing but eternal death and separation from God. When we confess our sins, not only do we see that we are sinful, but we admit to God that we deserve death and separation from Him forever. We are free to admit all of this to Him because we know that Jesus has already died and paid for all of our sins.

After we have confessed our sins, is there any hope?

After Confession comes Absolution, or, the forgiveness of sins! In Jesus we have the sure and true promise of forgiveness of sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Wow! Absolution is *absolutely* wonderful!



Parents: Before the service, read through the confession and explain the words that might be confusing. During the service, help direct your children to the Confession/Absolution as it happens. Remind them that when the Pastor is speaking, it is as if God himself is speaking these words of comfort to us.

