

# *In the* **HOUSE** *of the* **LORD**

## LESSON #3 – HOMEWORK



### **Background on Glory Be to God and O Lord, Our Lord**

After the confession of sins, the pastor announces, “In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.” The congregation then responds with the same joy that was present when the angels sang in the Bethlehem skies rejoicing that the Christ Child had been born.

*Gloria in Excelsis* is Latin for “Glory in the highest.” It gives glory, praise and thanks to all three persons of the Triune God. It is not a song that simply praises God for who He is, but it chiefly praises God for what He has done.

Martin Luther said that the *Gloria in Excelsis* “did not grow, nor was it made, but it came from heaven.”

The song “O Lord, Our Lord” is another vibrant song of praise and provides an outlet of thanksgiving to God for all He has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ. In this song, like the *Gloria in Excelsis* is a hymn where we acclaim and proclaim the Son of God who humbled Himself to be our brother in order to shed His blood for our sins and thus win our salvation. For these reasons, His name is glorious in all the earth.

### **Digging Deeper**

Let’s examine the Scriptures to see where the songs “Glory be to God” and “O Lord, Our Lord” are taken from.

**Read Luke 2:1-20.** What event were the angels rejoicing about? What words did they use to praise God? What is the connection with “Glory be to God?”

**Read John 1:29-34.** Why did John the Baptist call Jesus “the Lamb of God?”

**Read Revelation 5:11-14.** How is the praise of the saints in heaven similar to our praise in the worship service?

**Read Ephesians 1:17-23.** What authority has the Father granted to His Son?

**Read Luke 1:26-38.** The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that the Son who will be born to her is the Son of the Most High. How is this title of “the Most High” proclaimed in “Glory be to God?”

**Read Psalm 8.** Why is “how majestic is your name in all the earth” a fitting refrain for praising God, both in this psalm and in “O Lord, Our Lord?”

**Read Revelation 7:9-17.** What does it mean to have our sins washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**Read Psalm 24.** Why is the Lord rightly called “the King of glory?”

*The Bible proclaims: “Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Since we cannot please God without faith, it is imperative that our faith is strengthened by reading, studying and applying God’s Word.*

**Daily Bible Reading:** Matthew 16-23

**Memorize the following passage:** 1 Corinthians 2:2 *I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

## **Digging Even Deeper**

Let’s examine what Lutheran Christians have confessed about the worship practices in the Mass (the worship service).

### **Augsburg Confession Article XXIV: Of the Mass.**

1]Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among 2] us, and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved, save that the parts sung in Latin are interspersed here and there with German hymns, which have been added 3] to teach the people. For ceremonies are needed to this end alone that the unlearned 4] be taught [what they need to know of Christ].