Divine Service: Kyrie and Hymn of Praise

1. Why is it suitable to now, at this time in the Divine Service, to petition God for His promised mercy (remember a part our focus last week)?
2. Open up a dictionary, or search an online dictionary, and look up the word “mercy”? If there are multiple definitions, what do you think is the best definition given which pertains to God’s mercy?
3. The Kyrie (pronounced: kĭr-rē-ā) is an ancient part of the Divine Service. Why is it never “old” to pray for peace; for us, for the world, and for the Church?
4. “Gloria in Exelsis” (the Hymn of Praise) follows right on the heels of the Kyrie. Why is this little hymn full of joy?
5. Put in your own words how the “Gloria” connects us to the Gospel. See page 3 of the curriculum for ideas.
6. “Worthy is Christ” is another hymn of praise based on the powerful language and imagery of the book of Revelation. Read the Bible passages from Revelation shown on page 4 of the curriculum and share what images are the most powerful to you.