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LESSON 1

Matthew 16:13–19

What Is the Church?

Too Many Gods

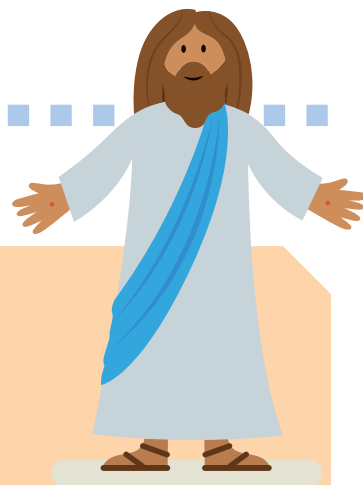
Read **Matthew 16:13–19**. The people who lived in Caesarea Philippi worshiped many false gods. Does our world have false idols? Write down some examples.

On This Rock I Will Build This Church

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” What answers did the disciples give? Write them down here.

Jesus then asked His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” What was Peter’s answer?

Who do you say that Jesus is? What would you tell a friend or family member who asked you about Jesus?



The Anointed One

Review Matthew 16:13–19.

- Was Peter right about Jesus?
- What does Jesus then say to Peter?

Pointing to the Rock

Peter was a disciple who pointed people to Jesus, the Rock. Who do you know who does that today?

Whom does God call and ordain to preach Peter's mighty confession about Jesus and to forgive the sins of God's people?

Did You Know?

Jesus said, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church." The word *Peter* means "rock." The word Jesus uses for Peter is *petros*. This is a masculine word meaning rock or stone. The word Jesus uses for "on this rock I will build My church" is *petra*. This is the feminine word for rock. Jesus is not building His church on the apostle Peter; He is building His church on Peter's confession: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

LESSON 2

John 1:35–51

Who Are Our Church Workers?

Jesus' Disciples

Read John 1:35–51.

1. John the Baptist identified Jesus as the _____ of God.
2. Andrew told Peter, “We have found the _____.”
3. Jesus found Philip and said, “_____ Me.”
4. After Nathanael said, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said, “_____ and see.”
5. Nathanael said to Jesus, “Rabbi, You are the _____ of God!”
6. Nathanael called Jesus the _____ of Israel.
7. Jesus said to Nathanael, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see _____ opened.”
8. Today, Jesus calls _____, teachers, deaconesses, and other full-time church workers to preach and teach God’s Word.

What Is a Church Worker?

Have you heard the term *church worker* before? What do you think it means?



So Many Full-Time Church-Work Vocations

There are eight types of professional church workers for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. These people receive special training to serve Christ and His church. Take a look:

1. _____: men who serve in the office of the holy ministry, the one sacred office given by God for the sake of the church.
2. _____: support pastors by working to provide an education rooted in God's Word to the learners in their care.
3. _____: serve within congregations to assist and support pastors as they teach the faith to children, youth, and adults. This often means leading a youth group.
4. _____: women who support pastors as they share the Gospel and serve God's people through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith.
5. _____: support their pastors by helping congregations witness outside the church and share the Gospel so that people may believe in Jesus Christ.
6. _____: support pastors by working within congregations to strengthen and equip Christian homes to live and serve God and their neighbors.
7. _____: support their pastors by assisting with worship planning; providing musical education; and directing choirs, ensembles, and musicians.
8. _____: support their pastors by leading various ministries in a congregation, such as Bible studies and community outreach.

What about You?

Is there one of these vocations you might like to do someday?

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Augsburg Confession

The Book of Concord is a collection of writings that explain what Lutherans believe and that teach the basics of the Holy Scriptures. One document is the Augsburg Confession. This is what it has to say about the office of the holy ministry:

“So that we may obtain this faith [in Jesus Christ], the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given” (Article V, paragraphs 1–2).