

**+EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHUCH**  
**Worship Leaders Glossary**

**Acolyte**

Person who lights candles and carries the torches during the procession, recession and gospel procession

**Alb**

White garment covering one's street dress

**Burse**

Square pocket made of altar parament fabric, and holds one corporal

**Candle lighter**

Brass tool used to light candles

**Chalice**

Cup which hold the wine for communion

**Chalice pall**

Square cloth, usually seven by seven inches, with a cardboard or plastic stiffener, placed over the chalice

**Chancel**

Space around the altar

**Chasuble**

Vestment worn by the presiding minister, put on before the Eucharist

**Christ Candle**

Tall candle ornamented with a cross, nails, incense and digits of present year (also called Paschal Candle)

**Cincture**

Cord or sash that serves as a belt

**Corporal**

Square linen used as a "placemat" on the front and back altars

**Credence table**

Small table where bread and wine are kept until the gifts are brought to the altar

**Crucifer**

Person who carries the processional cross and bible for gospel procession

**Eucharist**

Another name for Holy Communion, from the Greek word for thanksgiving

**Eucharistic prayer**

The prayer of thanksgiving before the blessing of bread and wine

**Flagon**

Wine pitcher

**Follower**

Brass cup inverted over top of candles to prevent dripping

**Frontal**

Large decorated colored cloth that hangs down the front of the altar

**Intinction**

When communicants dip the bread into the chalice

**Gospel procession**

Led by book bearer to bring the Word into the midst of the gathered

**Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

Invocation during the breaking of the bread in which the congregation petitions God for mercy and peace

**Lectionary**

List of Bible readings assigned to particular Sundays during the church year

**Liturgy**

Means “work of the people”

**Narthex**

Entrance/foyer to nave

**Nave**

Main body of a traditionally shaped church building

**Offertory song**

Music used during the presentation of gifts

**Paraments**

Decorative cloths that cover various items in the chancel area, hanging down in front of them, usually in the color of the church season

**Paten**

Plate for communion bread

**Presentation of the gifts**

Time when the bread and wine are brought to the presiding minister

**Priest host**

Large wafer

**Procession**

The entrance of worship leaders and choir at beginning of service (crucifer, acolytes, book bearer, choir, assisting minister, preaching minister, presiding minister)

**Purificator**

Cloth used to wipe the rim of the chalice during communion

**Pyx**

Small silver container for wafers

**Recession**

The exiting of worship leaders and choir at end of service (crucifer, acolytes, book bearer, choir, assisting minister, preaching minister, presiding minister), just before the dismissal

**Sacristy**

Room in which ministers put on robes; also where communion vessels and paraments are stored

**Sanctuary**

Area of a church building around the main altar

**Stole**

Long scarf like vestment worn by ordained clergy and deaconal ministers

**Thurible**

Incense burner suspended on chains so that the incense can be waved in the direction of the people or objects

**Torch**

Candles carried during procession and recession

**Veil**

Large square cloth, often the color of the liturgical season, draped over the chalice so that the symbol faces the congregation

**Vessels**

Serving wear used during communion

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