

House Form Dictionary

A

Aaronic blessing May be capitalized in liturgical use. 610.3, 611.3

Abrahamic covenant (CW) 611.3

absolution (of sins) Lowercase in general. Capitalize only when used as a title of part of a service. 610.3, 611.3

abyss, the 608.2

a cappella Two words, not italicized.

accuser Referring to Satan. 606.1

adiaphora

Adonai 601.1

adult Baptism

Advent Capitalize only when referring to the religious season: advent of our Lord, Advent season. 610.5

advocate 601.6

African-American Preferred over *black* as a racial designation.

agnosticism 611.3

“Agnus Dei” Titled “O Christ, Lamb of God” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

Allah 601.2

Almighty, the 601.1

almighty God 611.4

Alpha and Omega Lowercase in general.

Capitalize when used as a synonym for God. (usage) 601.6

altar guild Lowercase in general.

Capitalize when the reference is specific: Trinity Altar Guild.

amillenarian 605.3

amillennial, -ism, -ist 605.3

ancient Near East 608.1

Ancient of Days, the Referring to God. 601.1

angel Lowercase in general. Capitalize when referring to the preincarnate Son of God.

angel Gabriel, the

angel of death 606.1

angel of the Lord Lowercase in general.

Capitalize when referring to the preincarnate Son of God. 601.1

annunciation Lowercase in general.

Capitalize when referring to the festival on March 25. 609.3, 610.5

Anointed, the Synonym for Jesus. 601.1

Anointed, the Lord’s Capitalize when referring to Christ. 601.1

Anointed One, the Referring to Christ. 601.1

ante-Christian Before the Christian era.

ante-Nicene fathers

antichrist Lowercase when referring to the general spirit. Capitalize when referring to the person.

anti-Christian 605.4

antichurch

anti-God 605.4

antilegomena 603.2

anti-Semitism 605.4

anti-Trinitarian 605.4

Apocalypse, the Capitalize when referring to the Revelation of John; otherwise lowercase. 603.4

apocalyptic 603.5

Apocrypha 603.2

apocryphal 603.5

apostle 607.1

apostle Peter (et al.) 607.1

apostles, the 607.1

Apostles' Creed 604.1

apostle to the Gentiles, the 607.1

Apostolic Age 609.2

apostolic blessing May be capitalized in liturgical use. 610.3

apostolic council Acts 15. 609.3

apostolic faith

apostolic fathers

Arabic numeral

archaeology

archangel

archbishop Lowercase in general.

Capitalize when used before a personal name. (C)

ark, the Noah's ark. 611.2

ark of the covenant 611.2

ark of the Testimony 611.2

Arminian, -ism 605.3

article Lowercase in general. Capitalize when referring to individual articles of the creed: the Second Article. 604.2

ascension, the Capitalize when referring to Christ's ascension. 609.3

Ascension Day Use the full expression *Ascension Day* when referring to the Thursday 40 days after Easter. 610.5

assembly Lowercase in general.

Capitalize only when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place.

Athanasian Creed 604.1

atheism, -ist 611.3

atonement 611.3

Atonement, Day of 610.5

audiocassette

audiovisual

Augsburg Confession 604.1

Authorized Version

B

Baal A Canaanite god. Plural form is *baals*. 601.2

babe in the manger, the 601.6

baby Jesus, the 611.4

Babylonian captivity (of the Jews) 609.3

backstory One word.

Baptism Capitalize when referring to the sacrament. Lowercase in general: daily baptism, Jesus' baptism, your child's baptism. 611.6

Baptism, adult

Baptism, infant

Baptist, a 605.1

Baptist, the Referring to John. 607.1

Baptist church, the 605.5

beast, the Synonym for Antichrist. 606.1

Beatitudes, the 603.4

Beelzebub Capitalize when referring to Satan. 606.1

beginning, the 609.3

being Lowercase when referring to God's essence. 611.5

benediction Lowercase in general. Capitalize only when referring to a specific portion of a church service. 610.3

Bible Usually capitalized, but lowercase as a nonreligious term: My dictionary is my bible.

Bible Belt, the 910.9

Bible class

Bible school

Bible study Noun or an adjective.

Bible times 609.1

biblical

bimonthly

bishop Lowercase in general. Capitalize when used before a personal name. (C)

black As racial designation, lowercase both as an adjective and a noun unless it is part of a phrase that would require capitalization: a black gospel choir *but* the Black Muslims. *African-American* is preferred.

blackboard Use *chalkboard*.

blanket subscription Provided by the church but mailed to individual addresses.

blood of Christ 611.3

board Lowercase in general and in subsequent references to a specific board. Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun: the Board of Trustees, our board.

body of Christ 611.3

book Lowercase when referring to a book of the Bible: the book of Jeremiah, the book of Acts. Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible (except when modified, e.g., God's book). A better way to treat this issue—and one preferred by many editors—dispenses with the phrase *the book of*: simply

use Jeremiah, Acts, etc., whenever possible. 603.1, 603.2

Book, the Referring to Bible. 603.1

book club Two words.

Book of books Unless this phrase is the actual title of the book, such as the book in The People's Bible Series: *Book of Books*. 603.1

book of life, book of judgment (NIV) 603.2

Book of the Covenant

Book of the Law Torah.

bookshelf One word.

books of the Bible 603.3

bookstore One word.

born-again Hyphenate as an adjective. 611.3

BOSS Blanket order subscription system.

boyfriend One word.

boy Jesus, the 611.4

Boy Scout Capitalize when a member of the organization is meant.

braille

Branch Referring to Christ. (usage) 601.6

brazen altar

bread Referring to Christ.

Bread of Life Synonym for the Bible or Christ. 601.6, 603.1

Bridegroom Synonym for Christ. (usage) 601.6

bride of Christ Referring to the church.

bride-price

Buddha,-ism, -ist 605.1

Bulk/bundle subscription Two or more copies of a periodical sent to one address for a designated time.

bulletin board

bulletin insert subscription A congregation may subscribe to receive the Scripture readings for each Sunday throughout the year.

bulletin subscription A congregation may subscribe to receive Sunday bulletins throughout the year.

burnt offering

C

Calvary Not *Mount Calvary*. 608.1

Calvinist, -ic, -ism 605.1, 605.4

Canon, the Referring to Scripture. 603.1

Canon Law 604.1

canon of Scripture, the 603.2

canticles Capitalize the names of canticles: "Nunc Dimittis," "Magnificat." Also capitalized when used as a name for Song of Songs. 610.3

captivity, the (of the Jews) (CW) 609.3

cardinal Lowercase in general. Capitalize when used before a personal name. (C)

caregiver One word.

catalog

catechism Capitalize when part of a title of a book: the *Roman Catholic Catechism*. Capitalize when used with the word *Small* or *Large*. Otherwise lowercase: catechism class.

catechumen

cathedral Lowercase in general. Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place.

catholic Meaning “universal.”

Catholic Church Referring to the Roman Catholic Church. 605.5

catholic epistles James, et al. (CW) 603.2

Catholicism, -ics 605.1

CD Compact disk; small plastic disk in which music or other digital data is stored.

CD-ROM Referring specifically to disk with digital data.

celestial city Reference to heaven. 608.2

cf. Means “compare,” no comma after.

chalkboard One word.

chapel Lowercase in general. Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. 611.1

chapter Lowercase and spell out in the text. May be abbreviated in parenthetical references in professional writings.

charismatic 605.3

charismatic church 605.5

charismatic movement 605.3

checklist One word.

cherub, -im

chief priest

child The child in the manger. 611.4

child care Two words as a noun and as an adjective.

child Jesus 611.4

children of Israel Prefer people of Israel or Israelites.

chosen people Referring to the Jews. 611.4

chrismon

Christ 601.1

Christ Child (Con) 601.1

Christ crucified 601.1, 601.6

christen, -ing 611.3

Christendom 605.1

Christian Capitalize the noun and adjective form.

Christian church Capitalize both words when referring to the universal church in liturgical materials. 605.5

Christian day school Use *Lutheran elementary school*.

Christian era 609.2

Christian funeral Lowercase in general. Capitalize when referring to the

service in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Christianity 605.1

Christianize, -ization

Christianlike

Christian marriage Lowercase in general. Capitalize when referring to the service in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Christian Science 605.1

Christian Scientist, a Member of the Church of Christ, Scientist. 605.1

Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal

Used by most WELS churches.

Abbreviated in references as CW. The abbreviation is not italicized.

Christian Worship: Supplement

Abbreviate CWS. *Supplement* also italic when alone.

Christlike

Christmas Day 610.5

Christmas Eve 610.5

Christmastime

christocentric

christological

Christology

church Lowercase in general. Capitalize when referring to a specific church: Roman Catholic Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Atonement Church, Bethany and Immanuel Churches; or

to the corporate title of a church: the United Presbyterian Church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; but lowercase in generic references: the Lutheran church, the Presbyterian church. Also capitalize when referring to the universal church in liturgical materials. 605.5

church and state 611.3

church catholic, the 611.3

church council Lowercase in general. Capitalize only when referring to a specific council: St. John's Church Council.

church fathers

church history

churchgoer

church growth Capitalize when referring to the specific movement. 605.3

Church Growth Movement 605.3

church in America

church in the East, . . . West Referring to Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Churches

church invisible *See* rules 605.3, 611.3.

church militant *See* rules 605.3, 611.3.

Church of England

Church of Rome

church triumphant *See* rules 605.3, 611.3.

church universal *See* rules 605.3, 611.3.

church visible *See* rules 605.3, 611.3.

churchwide

church year 611.3

circuit Lowercase in general: the circuit pastor. Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun: the Lakeshore Circuit.

City of David Referring to Jerusalem or Bethlehem. 608.1

cleanup One word as a noun.

clean up Two words as a verb.

clergy

close(d) Communion 611.6

collect Liturgical term. 610.3

Collect for the Day, the Titled “Prayer of the Day” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

college Lowercase in general: The college is on a hill. Capitalize when part of a proper noun: Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Comforter, the Referring to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (usage) 601.6

commandment, a 603.4

commandments, the Lowercase in general: We find God’s commandments in the Bible. We studied the first three commandments. Capitalize only when referring specifically to the Ten

Commandments or one of the Ten Commandments. 603.4

Commandment, the First (et al.) 603.4

Commandments, the First and Second (et al.) 603.4

Commandments, the Ten 603.4

commission Lowercase in general.

Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun: Commission on Youth Discipleship.

Commission, the Great Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15. (A, Con, CW) 603.4

Common Doxology 610.3

Common Service, The Page 15 in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Communion Referring to the Sacrament. (A, Con, CW) 611.6

Communion, close 611.6

Communion hymns 611.6

Communion liturgy 611.6

Communion, open 611.6

Communion ware

communism Lowercase in general. 911.3

Communist Capitalize when referring to the political movement. 911.4

communist Lowercase when used as an adjective. 911.3

Communist party (Con) 911.4

compact disk Two words.

conference Lowercase in general: The conference voted. Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun: the Dodge-Washington Conference, the Conference of Presidents.

confession Capitalize names of particular confessions. (Con) 604.1, 610.3

Confession, the Capitalize when referring to the Augsburg Confession. (usage)

Confession of Sins Capitalize when referring to the liturgical title. 610.3

confessions, the Lowercase when used generically: the confessions teach.

Confessions, the Lutheran

confirmation Capitalize only when used as part of the liturgy. (A, C, Con, CW) 611.3

congregation Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (C, CW)

conqueror Refers to Christ. (H) 601.6

copyedit One word.

copyediting One word.

copy editor Two words.

copy master Two words; capitalize only when referring to specific copy master: Copy Master 3.

cornerstone Referring to Jesus. 601.6

council Lowercase in general and when referring to the Sanhedrin. Capitalize

only when used in reference to a specific council.

council at Jerusalem

Council of Nicaea (C) 609.2

Council of the Areopagus

Counselor, the Referring to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (usage) (CW, H) 601.6

covenant, the (CW) Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Old or New Testament. Lowercase when used as a theological concept. (A, Con) 603.4, 611.3

covenant of grace (CW) 611.3

covenant of works (CW) 611.3

coworker Not hyphenated.

creation, the Referring to the act. (CW) 609.3

creation, the Referring to the result. (A, CW) 611.3

Creator, the (usage) (A, Con, CW, H) 601.6

Creator-God

creed Lowercase when referring to a generic creed. Capitalize names of particular creeds. Capitalize in liturgical matter when referring to a specific creed. (A, Con) 604.1

cross Referring to the wooden object. (A, Con, CW) 611.1

cross, the Referring to the event. (CW) 611.3

crown (CW, H) 601.6, 611.3
crucified, the Synonym for Jesus. (H) 601.6
crucifixion, the (AP, CW) 609.3
crucifixion of Christ (CW) 609.3
Crusades, the (CW) 609.2
curse, the (CW) 611.3

D

Day, Lord's (Con, CW) 610.5
Day of Atonement Yom Kippur. (CW) 610.5
day of judgment (Con, CW) 609.3
Day of Pentecost (CW) 610.5
Day of the Lord Capitalize when referring to Sunday; otherwise lowercase. (CW) 610.5
Dayspring Synonym for Christ. (usage) (H) 601.6
Daystar (usage) (H) 601.6
Dead Sea Scrolls (A, C, Con, CW) 604.1
Decalog (A, C, CW) 603.4
defender (H) 601.6
Deism, Deist, -ic (A) 605.3
deity Lowercase in the general sense. (A) 611.5
Deity, the (Con, CW, US) 601.1
deity of Christ (CW) 611.5
deliverer (H) 601.6
deluge, the Another name for the flood. (CW) 609.3

demon, -ic (CW) 606.1, 606.2
Depression, the The Great Depression of the 1930s. (CW) 609.2
descendant Referring to Jesus. 601.6
desire The desire of nations. (H) 601.6
desktop Referring to computer, compare to *laptop*.
devil Referring to Satan. (A, Con) 606.1
devil, a (AP, CW, US) 606.1
devils, the (US) 606.1
devil's advocate (US)
dialogue (A)
Diaspora, the Capitalize only when referring to the dispersion of the Jews after the Babylonian exile. (A, CW) 609.2
dinnertime (Con)
disciples (A, CW)
disk Computer disk. Preferred over *disc*. (CW)
dispensation, -alism, -alist (CW) 605.3
dispensation of the law (CW)
Dispersion, the Capitalize only when used as a synonym for Diaspora. (CW) 609.2
Distribution, The A title for part of the worship service. 610.3
district Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun: Minnesota District. (NPH)

divided kingdom The period of history.
(CW) 609.1, 609.3

divine (A, Con, CW) 611.4

divine Father (CW, US) 611.4

divine guidance (CW, US)

Divine Providence Referring to God.
(CW, E) 601.1

divine providence (US)

Divinity, the Referring to God. (CW)
601.1

divinity of Christ, the (CW) 611.5

doctrine (Con, US) 611.3

door, the Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

DOS Disk Operating System.

dos and don'ts (A, Con)

doxology Capitalize when in a title or
used in liturgical sense; lowercase
when referring to a song of praise:
The last three lines are a doxology.
(A) 610.3

dragon, the Synonym for Satan. (CW)
606.1

E

e- (comb. form) for *electronic*

early church (A, CW) 605.5

Easter Day (Con) 610.5

Eastern church (CW) 605.5

Eastern Orthodoxy (A) 605.1

Eastern religions (CW) 605.3

Eastern rites (CW) 610.2

Easter Sunday (CW) 610.5

Easter Vigil (Con) 610.5

e-book

**ecumenism, ecumenical movement,
ecumenical** (CW) 605.3, 605.4

Eden, Garden of Lowercase subsequent
references to the garden. (Con) 608.1

e.g. Meaning “for example,” a comma
follows.

Eleven, the (Con, CW) 607.1

eleven apostles, the

Elohim (CW) 601.1

ELS Evangelical Lutheran Synod. 605.2

El Shaddai (CW) 601.1

e-mail (*email* okay within text if author
preference)

Emmanuel Use *Immanuel*. (Con) 601.1

Emmaus road (CW) 608.1

end-time Hyphenate as an adjective.
(Con) 609.1

end times, the (A, CW) 609.1

enemy, the Synonym for Satan. (CW)
606.1

Epiphany Capitalize only when referring
to the religious season. (CW) 610.5

Episcopal Church (US) 605.1

Episcopalian, an (US) 605.1

epistle A generic term that specifies a
form of written document. Lowercase
except when referring to the Lection
(the word *letter* is often preferred): the

Epistle for Easter Sunday; Paul's epistles (letters), Paul's epistle to the Romans, the epistles of the apostles, the epistle, Paul's letters (epistles) to the Corinthians, and the captivity (pastoral, general) epistles. 603.2

epistles, the Referring to the New Testament apostolic letters. (C, CW) 603.2

eschatology, -ical (A, CW)

Essene, -s (D) 605.3

Eternal City Synonym for Rome. (CW)
Lowercase when used as synonym for heaven. 608.1, 608.2

eternal God, the (CW) 611.4

eternal life (CW) 611.3

eternity (CW) 611.3

Eucharist, -ic (A, CW, G, NPH) 611.6

Evangelical Capitalize when referring to the movement or specific individuals in that movement. Lowercase when referring to gospel-oriented church or when used as an adjective. James Dobson is an Evangelical. 605.3, 605.5

evangelicals, -ism (CW) *See* rules 605.3, 605.5.

Evangelist May be capitalized in liturgical contexts. (A)

evangelist Someone who evangelizes. (CW)

Evening Devotion A devotion in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Evening Prayer A service in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. Titled "Vespers" in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

evening prayer, a service of Capitalize only when referring to the specific service. (C) 610.2

evil one, the Referring to Satan. (CW, E) 606.1

ex corde Two words. Italicize because it is a foreign term. (Con)

exile, the Use the full expression *the exile of the Jews*. (CW) 609.3

exodus, the (A, CW) 609.3

extrabiblical (CW)

extreme unction A Catholic sacrament now referred to as *anointing of the sick*. (CW)

F

face-to-face Hyphenated as an adjective and as an adverb.

Fahrenheit Spell out when used with the word *degrees*; use the abbreviation (F) only when used with the degree sign and only when needed to conserve space. (Con)

faith healer Two words.

faith healing Two words as a noun. (CW)

faith life (et al.) Two words.

fall, the (A, CW) 609.3

fall of man The fall into sin. (Con, CW, H) 609.3

false christs (CW)

false prophet, -s (CW)

Father Referring to God. (A, AP, C, CW, E) 601.1

fatherhood Referring to God's fatherhood. (C, CW, E, US) 611.5

father of lies, the Referring to Satan. (CW, E, US) 606.1

Father's house 608.2

fathers, the (of the church) Also use lowercase in *church fathers*. (C, CW)

feast Capitalize when part of a proper name: Feast of Firstfruits, Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of the Dedication, Feast of the Lights, Feast of the Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread. Lowercase subsequent references: the feast. (Con, CW) 610.5

fellowship Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Otherwise, as a common noun it is lowercased. (CW)

field-test Hyphenate as a verb. (Con)

field test Two words as a noun. (Con)

final judgment (A, Con)

finger-paint Hyphenate as a verb. (Con)

finger paint, -ing Two words as a noun. (Con)

finger play Two words as a noun.

first Adam (CW)

first advent (CW) 609.3

First and the Last (usage) 601.6

firstborn Referring to Jesus. (H) 601.6

First Cause, the Capitalize when used as a name for God. (C, CW, E) 601.6

firstfruits One word. (Con)

first person of the Trinity (CW) 611.4, 611.5

First Table of the Law

flannel board Part of a flannelgraph. (Con)

flannelgraph The whole kit. (Con)

flip chart (Con)

flood, the (CW) 609.3

foe Synonym for the devil. (H) 606.1

forever One word, but *for ever and ever*.

four gospels, the (CW) 603.2

four horsemen of the Apocalypse

fourth gospel, the (CW) 603.2

Franciscans (MW) 605.3

free will (CW) 611.3

full-time Hyphenate when used as an adjective and adverb. (CW)

Fundamentalism 605.3

fundamentalist, -ism (A, CW) 605.3.

fundamentals of the faith (CW)

G

Galilean, the Referring to Christ. (Con, CW) 601.6

game board (Con)

games Titles of games that are relatively universal and not trademarks should not be capitalized. (Con)

Garden of Eden Lowercase subsequent references: the garden. (A, Con, CW) 608.1

Garden of Gethsemane Lowercase subsequent references: the garden. (Con, CW) 608.1

gate Referring to Christ. 601.6

gehenna Lowercase as a common noun. (CW)

General Devotion A devotion in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

general epistles (CW) 603.2

Gentile Capitalize as a noun; lowercase as an adjective. (A)

gentile laws (C, CW)

Gentiles' Christmas (usage) Referring to Epiphany.

girlfriend One word. (Con, US)

Global South US religious region

Girl Scout Capitalize when a member of the organization is meant. (Con, US)

“Gloria in Excelsis” Titled “Glory Be to God” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

“Gloria Patri” Titled “Glory Be to the Father” in the hymn section in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (C, CW) 610.3

glory, Lord of (H) 601.6

gnostic (A, CW) 605.3

Gnostic, a Capitalize when referring to a member of the specific historical movement of the early Christian church. (A, C) 605.3

Gnostic, -ism Specific sect. (A, C, CW) 605.3

Gnostic heresy, the (C) 605.3

God (AP, C, CW, G) 601.1

god Referring to a pagan god. (CW) 601.5

God Almighty (MW) 601.1

god-awful (AP) 601.4

God-fearing Two words when used after a noun. 601.4

godforsaken 601.4

Godhead Capitalize when used as a epithet for God; otherwise lowercase. (CW, H) 601.1, 611.5

God Incarnate 601.1

godless (CW) 601.4

godlike (AP, C, CW) 601.4

godliness (AP) 601.4

godly (A, C, Con, CW) 601.4

godparent

God-man (Con, CW, NPH) 601.1

God-pleasing (Con) 601.4

godsend (AP, CW) 601.4

godship (CW) 601.4

God's house (CW) 608.2

godspeed (CW) 601.4, *but* M-W
 Godspeed

God's will (Con)

God's Word Capitalize when referring to the whole revelation of God to his people or when used as a synonym for the Bible. (Con) 603.1

God the Father almighty

godward (CW) 601.4

golden candlesticks, the (CW) 611.1

Golden Rule Luke 6:31. (Con, CW, US) 603.4

Good Book, the (CW) 603.1

good-bye Hyphenated. (Con, CW)

goodness of God (Con)

good news Capitalize when referring to the gospel when needed for clarity. (Con, CW) 611.3

good Samaritan Lowercase *good* when referring to character in the parable. (A)

Good Shepherd, the Synonym for Jesus. (usage) (Con, CW, H) 601.6

good shepherd, the parable of the (CW) 603.4

gospel Capitalize when referring to the Lection: the Gospel for Easter Sunday; otherwise lowercase: Mark's gospel, the gospel of John, the fourth gospel, the gospel accounts, the synoptic gospels, preach both law and gospel, preach the gospel to every creature. 603.2, 610.3

gospel, Matthew's (CW) 603.2

gospel of Matthew (CW) 603.2

gospels, the (AP, C, CW) 603.2

gospel truth (CW)

Gothic A style or type of art. Capitalize whether used as noun or adjective. (CW)

grades Use *A+* rather than *A plus*.

Gradual Liturgical term. (Con) 610.3

grain offering (CW)

gray Preferred over *grey*. (CW)

gray-scale Referring to printing.

Great Awakening, the (CW) 609.2

Great Commandment Matthew 22:36-38. (A, Con, CW) 603.4

Great Commission Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15. (A, Con, CW) 603.4

Great High Priest, the (usage) (CW) 601.6

Great Physician (usage) (Con, CW) 601.6

great tribulation, the (CW) 611.3
great white throne, the (CW)
Greek Orthodox Church, the (C) 605.1
Ground of Being Capitalize when used
as a synonym for God. (CW) 601.1
grown-up, -s Hyphenate as a noun or
adjective. (Con, CW)

H

hades (CW) 608.2, Greek mythology
Hades
hall Capitalize when part of the official
name of a local religious meeting
place. Lowercase as a common noun.
(CW)
Hanukkah Feast of the Dedication. (A,
CW) 610.5
hardcover One word.
head, the Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6
head of the church (H) 601.6
heaven 608.2
heavenly Father (Con, CW) 611.4
Heidelberg Catechism (CW)
hell (A, AP, CW, E) 608.2
Herodian (CW)
Herod's temple (CW) 608.2
high church (A, CW)
high church movement 605.3
High Mass (Con)
High Priest Capitalize only if used as a
title for Jesus. (usage) (Con, H) 601.6

High Priestly Prayer John 17. (A, Con,
CW) 603.4
high school, -er (Con)
Hindu Follower of Hinduism. (B) 605.1
Hinduism (B) 605.1
historical books, the (CW) 603.2
holiness bodies
Holiness Movement, the (CW) 605.3
holism Preferred over *wholism*. (Con)
605.3
holistic Preferred over *wholistic*. (Con)
605.3
Holocaust 609.2
Holy Baptism (A, Con, H) 611.6
Holy Bible (A) 603.1
Holy Book The Bible. (CW) 603.1
holy Christian church 605.5
Holy City Referring to Jerusalem. (A,
Con, CW) 608.1
Holy Communion (A, AP, C, Con, NPH)
611.6
Holy Eucharist (A, AP) 611.6
Holy Ghost Use *Holy Spirit*. (C, E) 601.1
Holy Gospel Capitalize when used as a
title for the Lection. 610.3
“**Holy, Holy, Holy**” Titled “Sanctus” in
The Lutheran Hymnal. 610.2
Holy Land Palestine. (Con, CW) 608.1
Holy of Holies (A, Con, CW) 608.1
Holy One Synonym for God. (C, CW, H)
601.1

Holy Place (Con, CW) 608.1
Holy Scriptures (A, AP, Con, H, NPH, US) 603.1
Holy Spirit Preferred over *Holy Ghost*. (A, AP, C, Con, CW, E, G, MW) 601.1
Holy Supper (H) 611.6
Holy Trinity (Con, CW, E) 601.1
Holy Week (A, Con, CW) 610.5
Holy Word 603.1
Holy Writ The Bible. (CW) 603.1
homeschool, -ing
homologoumena Books of the Bible accepted by all churches. 603.2
house of God (A, Con) 608.2
house of the Lord (Con, CW) 608.2
hymnal (Con) 611.1
hymnbook
Hymn of the Day (Con) 610.3
hymn 22 (Con) 611.1
hymn writer (Con)

I

I AM Name of God in Exodus 3; but “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). (Con) 601.1
i.e. Means “that is,” followed by comma.
Immanuel Preferred over *Emmanuel*. “God with us.” (A, Con, CW) 601.1
important Not *importantly*.

incarnate Capitalize when used in a title for God; otherwise lowercase. (Con) 601.1
incarnate Son (Con) 611.4
incarnate Word Referring to Christ. (H) 611.4
incarnate Word of God (Con, CW) 611.4
incarnation Lowercase as a biblical event. (A, Con, CW) 609.3
infant Referring to Jesus, the infant in the manger. (H) 601.6
infant Baptism
inner veil (CW)
Inquisition (A, D) 609.2
insofar as Avoid using this phrase.
intercessor, the Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6
inter-Lutheran (Con)
Internet
intertestamental (A, CW) 609.1
Intertestamental Period (Con) 609.2
Introit (Con) 610.3
Iron Age (Con) 609.2
Islam Preferred over *Mohammedanism*. (A, B, C, Con) 605.1
Islamic (C, MW) 605.1
“It” The player in a game who tries to catch others. Cap and quotation marks for first use; cap only subsequent uses.

J

Jehovah Avoid, unless author is speaking specifically. (Con) 601.1

Jehovah's Witness (C) 605.1

Jesuit, a Member of the Society of Jesus. (C) 605.1

Jesus Christ (AP) 601.1

Jesus' sonship (US) 611.5

Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah. (CW) 610.5

Jew, Orthodox (B) 605.1

John the Baptist (Con, G) 607.1

John the Evangelist (CW) 607.1

Jordan River (CW) 608.1

JPEG Used in text.

.jpg File extension.

Jubilee Year of Emancipation. (CW) 610.5

Judaism (B, C, CW, MW) 605.1

Judean (CW)

Judeo-Christian (CW)

judge Referring to Christ. 601.6

Judge of nations (E) 601.6

judgment No *e* in judgment. (H)

judgment day Also day of judgment or day of the Lord. (Con, H) 609.3

judgment seat of Christ (CW)

K

kerygma (A, CW)

keys (H) 611.3

keys, office of Lowercase when standing alone as keys or when referring to the office of the keys: the keys, the power of the keys, ministry of the keys and confession, etc. Capitalize only when used as a title of one of the six chief parts. (Con) 611.3

King Capitalize when referring to God or Jesus. (usage) (CW) 601.6

kingdom Capitalize when it forms part of a geographical place name: Northern Kingdom. Lowercase as a common noun: God's kingdom; and in *of* constructions: kingdom of God, kingdom of glory, kingdom of Judah. (A, Con, CW) 608.1, 608.2

King James Version (CW)

King of creation (NPH) 601.6

King of glory (H) 601.6

King of grace (H) 601.6

King of kings (A, Con) 601.6

king of terrors Death. Lowercased though personified. (Con)

King of the Jews (E) 601.6

kingship (C)

kinsman-redeemer Ruth 3:9. (CW)

Kiwanis Club (Con)

Kleenex Trademark. Use *facial tissue* when possible. (Con)

Koran (C, MW, US)

“Kyrie” Titled “Lord Have Mercy” in
*Christian Worship: A Lutheran
Hymnal*. (Con) 610.3

L

ladies’ aid Capitalize when referring to a
specific group: St. Paul’s Ladies’ Aid.

ladies’ guild Capitalize when referring to
a specific group: St. Paul’s Ladies’
Guild.

laity (Con)

Lamb Capitalize when referring to Christ.
(usage) (CW) 601.6

Lamb of God Synonym for Jesus.
(usage) (C, H) 601.6

land of Canaan (CW) 608.1

land of promise Capitalize only when
referring to Canaan. (CW) 608.1

Large Print Meditations NPH devotional
periodical published quarterly. Also
available in regular print. Abbreviated
LPM.

Last Day, the (CW) 609.3

last days (CW) 609.1

last judgment (CW) 609.3

Last Supper, the (AP, Con) 610.3, 610.5

Latter Day Saints In Missouri. (C) 605.1

Latter-day Saints In Utah. (C, US) 605.1

law Usually lowercase. Capitalize when
referring to the first five books of the

Bible or the Ten Commandments. (A,
CW, H, NPH) 603.2

law and gospel (NPH)

Law and the Prophets Synonym for the
Bible. (NPH) 603.1

Lawgiver, the (usage) (C, MW) 601.6,
607.1

Law of Moses (H) 603.4

layman One word. Avoid unless needs to
be gender specific. (A, Con, D)

lay member

laypeople One word. Use *laity* when
possible. (A, Con, CW, D)

layperson One word. (CW, D)

lay reader Two words. (Con, D)

laywoman One word. (Con, D)

lay worker Two words.

LCMS Not *LC-MS*. Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod. (Con) 605.2

Lection 610.2, 610.3

lectionary One-year lectionary, three-
year lectionary. 611.1

led Past tense of *lead*, meaning “took in a
direction by going before.”

Lent (A, Con, CW, US) 610.5

Lenten season (A, Con) 610.5

Lesser Festivals Referring to the days in
the liturgical calendar. (Con) 610.5

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You”

Liturgical song in *Christian Worship
A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

letter Generic term that specifies a form of written document.

Levitical Capitalize because of usage and a derivative of a proper noun. (CW)

liberal, -ism (CW) 605.3

life, the 601.6

lifestyle One word. (Con)

light Referring to the truth or Christ. (CW) 601.6

Light of the world Capitalize when referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

list subscription Copies of a periodical are sent to every home in the congregation. The congregation provides NPH with a list of its members and their addresses.

litany (A, Con) 610.2, 610.3

liturgical terms Capitalize such terms when they refer to a part of a service of worship: Gradual, Collect, Old Testament Reading, Introit, Gloria Patri, etc. (Con) 610.3

living God (A, Con, CW) 611.4

living Lord (A, Con) 611.4

living water Synonym for Jesus. 601.6, 611.4

living Word Synonym for Jesus. (A, Con, CW) 601.6, 611.4

Logos, the Capitalize when referring to Christ. (A, CW, D) 601.6

LORD Only use small caps when quoting a Bible passage that uses small caps, or when the word is being discussed. (H) 601.1

Lord (C, US) 601.1

Lord of glory (H) 601.6

Lord of hosts (Con) 601.6

Lord of life (H) 601.6

Lord of lords (Con, NPH) 601.6

Lord's Anointed Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.1

Lord's Day (Con, CW) 610.5

lordship of Christ (CW) 611.5

lordship of God (Con) 611.5

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6; Luke 11. (A, C, Con, CW, MW) 603.4, 604.1, 610.3

Lord's Supper (A, AP, Con, CW, E, H, NPH) 610.3, 611.6

Lord's Table (A, Con, CW) 610.3, 611.6

lost tribes of Israel Preferred over *the ten tribes*. (CW)

love chapter, the 1 Corinthians 13. (CW) 603.2

loving-kindness (A)

low church (CW)

lowercase One word.

Low Mass

Lutheran church 605.5

Lutheran Educator, The A periodical formerly published quarterly by Martin Luther College.

Lutheran elementary school Preferred over *Christian day school*.

Lutheran Hymnal, The (TLH) (Con) 611.1

Lutheran Worship (LW) (Con) 611.1

Luther's Ninety-five Theses Title of a specific writing. (C)

LWMS Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

M

Magi (A, Con, CW, H)

"Magnificat" Titled "Song of Mary" in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. Use quotes in a liturgical sense. (Con, CW) 610.3

major prophets A division of the Old Testament. (CW) 603.2

Maker (usage) (H) 601.6

mammon (CW)

man of sorrows, a (usage) (A) 601.6

Man of sorrows, the Christ going to the cross. (usage) (CW) 601.6

Mariolatry

mariological

Masoretic text (usage) (CW)

Mass High Mass, Low Mass. (AP, Con, CW, G) 610.1

master Synonym for Jesus. (usage) (H) 601.6

Matins Not *Matin Service*. Titled "Morning Praise" in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (A, Con) 610.2

matins and vespers (C) 610.2

matrimony (CW) 611.3

Meals on Wheels[®] Registered name of seniors' food program. (Con)

means of grace (A, Con, H) 611.3

mediator Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

medieval (CW)

Meditations NPH devotional periodical published quarterly. Also available in large print, online, and as an e-book. Only *Mediations* is italic, not Online or Large Print. Abbreviated MED.

meeting Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (C, CW)

mega church (noun)

mega-church movement (adjective)

mercy of God (Con)

mercy seat Two words. (A, Con, CW)

messiah, a (usage) (A, US) 601.6

Messiah, the Title for Jesus. (usage) (C, Con, CW, G, US) 601.6

messiahship (Con, E, US) 611.5

messianic (A, E, US)

messianic hope (C)

Methodism (C) 605.3

Methodist (C, G) 605.1

Methodist church, the (C) 605.5

middle-aged Hyphenate when used as an adjective, including predicate adjective. (CW)

Middle Ages Approximately 1100 to 1453. 609.2

Midwest Region of the US. (CW, US) 910.9

midwestern (CW) 910.9

Midwestern States Capitalize when referring to a region of the United States; otherwise lowercase. (US) 910.9

millennial, -ism (Con) 605.3

millennium (A, Con) 611.3

millennium, the (CW) 611.3

mind and will of God (Con)

ministry Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (CW)

ministry of the keys 611.3

minor prophets A division of the Old Testament. (Con, CW) 603.2

Mishnah First part of the Talmud, oral tradition of Jewish law. (A, C, Con, CW)

mission Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (CW)

missionary-at-large (Con)

Mission Connection Periodical published quarterly.

mite box Collection boxes used by LWMS.

modernism (CW) 605.3

Mohammedan (US) Prefer *Muslim*. 605.1

monologue

Mormon (C) 605.1

Mormon church, the (C) 605.5

Mormonism (C) 605.3

Morning Devotion A devotion in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Morning Praise A service in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

morning prayer, a (C) 610.2

Morning Star (usage) (H) 601.6

Mosaic covenant

Mosaic Law The Pentateuch or the Ten Commandments. (CW) 603.4

Moses, the Prophets, and the Writings Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Old Testament. 603.4

Moslem Use *Muslim*. (AP) 605.1

mosque Capitalize only when part of an official name. (C) 611.1

Most High (usage) (C, CW) 601.6

Most Holy Place, the 608.1

mother of God (C)

Mount of Olives (CW) 608.1

Mount of Transfiguration (Con, CW) 608.1

Mount Sinai (CW) 608.1

movement Capitalize only if the adjective that precedes it is capitalized. *See* rules 605.1, 605.3.

Muhammad Preferred over *Mohammed*. (A, Con, CW) 605.1

Muslim Follower of Islam. Preferred over *Moslem*. (B) 605.1

N

name of God (Con, CW, H) 611.5

name tag Two words. (Con)

nativity Capitalize in liturgical contexts: Nativity season. (A, Con) 609.3, 610.5

nativity, the (CW) 609.3

Near East (CW) 608.1

Neo-Babylonian Empire (CW) 608.1

neoorthodox (CW) 605.3

neoorthodoxy (A) 605.3

Neo-Platonic (A, CW) 605.3

Net The Internet.

new Adam (A) 611.3

New Age (Con) 605.3, 605.4

New Age Movement 605.3

new birth (CW) 611.3

New Covenant Synonym for New Testament. (A, Con) 603.4, 611.3

new heaven and new earth (CW) 611.3

new Israel (Con) 611.3

new Jerusalem Name for heaven. (CW) 608.2

new man (NPH) 611.3

New Testament, the (E) 603.4

New Testament church (CW)

Nicaea (Con) 608.1

Nicene Creed (A, C, Con, CW, E) 604.1

Ninety-five Theses Title of a specific writing. (Con, CW)

nonbiblical (Con)

non-Catholic (Con)

non-Christian (A, Con, CW)

nonscriptural (Con)

Northern Kingdom (A, Con) 608.1

Northwestern Lutheran Previous synod monthly periodical, now *Forward in Christ*.

“Nunc Dimittis” Titled “Song of Simeon” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (C, CW) 610.3

O

“O Christ, Lamb of God” Titled “Agnus Dei” in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

offering (A, Con) 610.3

offertory (A, Con) 610.3

“Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”

Titled “Venite” in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

“Oh, Taste and See” A liturgical song in

Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal. 610.3

okay Preferred over *OK*. (Con, CW)

old Adam (A, NPH) 611.3

Old City Part of modern Jerusalem. (CW) 608.1

Old Covenant Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Old Testament. 603.4, 611.3

old man (NPH) 611.3

Old Testament, the (A, C, Con, MW) 603.4

Olivet discourse (CW)

“O Lord, Our Lord” A liturgical song in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

Omega, the (usage) (CW) 601.6

omnipotence (C) 611.3

one Capitalize if used as part of a name for God: Almighty One, Holy One, Crucified One, the Living One, Omnipotent One, etc. (Con) 601.1

one, the Lowercase when used as a pronoun: Jesus is the one who died on the cross for our sins. (H) 601.1

One, the Capitalize as a name for God. (CW) 601.1

oneself, one’s self (Con)

one true God (CW) 611.4

online

only begotten of the Father (CW) 611.4

only begotten Son of God (CW) 611.4

open Communion

open house Lowercase general references to congregational activities. (Con)

order form Two words.

order of creation (Con)

Order of Matins, the Page 32 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Titled “Morning Praise” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Order of Morning Service, the Page 5 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Order of the Confessional Service, the Page 46 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Order of the Holy Communion, the Page 15 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Order of Vespers, the Page 41 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Titled “Evening Prayer” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

original sin (Con) 611.3

orthodox Capitalize when referring to Eastern church; otherwise lowercase. (A, Con) 605.1, 605.3

Orthodox church, the (C) 605.5

Orthodoxy (C) 605.1

Our Father, the (MW) 604.1, 610.3

outer court Part of the temple. (CW) 608.1

P

Palestinian covenant (CW) 611.3

Palm Sunday (CW) 610.5

papacy (CW)

papal (A, US)

paper cover Two words, preferred over *softcover*.

parable Lowercase as a descriptive term, as are any descriptive words that accompany it. (A) Words describing specific parables should be capitalized only when they are proper nouns. In works that focus heavily and repeatedly on specific parables, the word *parable* and its accompanying words may be capitalized as formal titles. (CW) 603.4

parable of the unjust steward (et al.) (C, Con, CW) 603.4

Paraclete, the Referring to the Holy Spirit. (usage) (A, CW) 601.6

Paradise Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Garden of Eden. (Con, CW) 608.1

paradise Lowercase as a common noun or when meaning “heaven.” (CW) 608.2

part-time Hyphenate when used as an adjective or adverb. (CW)

party Names of political organizations are capitalized. But *party* is not. (CW)

paschal candle (Con)

Paschal Lamb Synonym for Jesus. (usage) (A, Con, CW) 601.6

passion (A, Con) 611.3

Passion History 603.4

Passion Sunday Fifth Sunday in Lent. (CW) 610.5

Passion Week (A, CW) 610.5

Passover (A, Con) 610.5

Passover Feast (A, CW) 610.5

Passover Festival

Passover Lamb Referring to Jesus. (usage) (CW) 601.6

pastoral epistles (A, CW) 603.2

pastoral letters (CW) 603.2

patriarch, a (CW)

Pauline epistles (A, CW) 603.2

Paul’s epistles (CW) 603.2

Paul’s letters (CW) 603.2

Paul the apostle (CW) 607.1

peace (H)

peace offering (CW)

Pelagian, -ism

penance (CW, NPH)

penitential psalms

Pentateuch Capitalize only when used for the first five books of the Bible, Jewish name is Torah. (A, C, Con, CW, MW) 603.2

pentateuchal

Pentecost (Con, CW) 610.5

Pentecostal, -ism (CW) 605.3

people of Israel Preferred over *children of Israel*.

percent Spell out in text. (Con)

person of God, person of Christ (CW, H) 611.5

persons of the Trinity (A, Con, CW) 611.5

Pesach Passover. (CW) 610.5

petition Capitalize references to individual petitions of the Lord's Prayer: First Petition. (Con)

Petrine Referring to St. Peter or to the pope, papal authority. (CW)

Pharaoh Capitalize only when it is used as a proper name, which, in most cases, is when it is used without an article: Moses was raised in Pharaoh's household. (Con) 607.1

pharaoh When an article precedes it, lowercase as a common noun: At first

he was afraid to address the pharaoh. (A, CW)

Pharisaic Capitalize in references to Pharisees. (A, CW) 605.3

pharisaic Referring to an attitude. (Con, CW) 605.3

Pharisees (A, Con, CW) 605.3

Pietism The 17th-century Lutheran movement. Lowercase when referring to general religious devotion. (A, Con) 605.3, 605.4.

Pietist Movement

Pilgrims, the (CW)

pillar of cloud (Con, CW) 611.3

pillar of fire (Con, CW) 611.3

pleasure (H)

Pledge of Allegiance (US)

poetic books, the (CW) 603.2

pontiff (US)

pope Capitalize when used with a name as a title: Pope John Paul I; otherwise lowercase: the pope. (A, Con, CW)

popes, the (E)

postbiblical (CW) 609.2

post-Christian (CW) 609.2

poster board Two words. (Con)

postexilic (CW) 609.2

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postmillennial, -ism (CW) 605.3

- post-Nicene fathers** (CW) 609.2
- prayer** Capitalize the names of specific prayers: the Gloria Patri, the Lord's Prayer, but doxology. (Con) 604.1
- Prayer for Grace** A prayer in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3
- Prayer, High Priestly** John 17. (Con) 603.4
- Prayer of the Church** A prayer in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3
- Prayer of the Day** A prayer in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. Titled "Collect" in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3
- pre-Christian** (CW) 609.2
- precious blood** Referring to Christ's blood in Holy Communion. (C) 611.3
- predestination** (CW) 611.3
- preexistent** (A, Con) 611.3
- prekindergarten** In Christ-Light materials grade level abbreviated PreK.
- preschool** (Con)
- presence** (H)
- preserver** (H)
- pre session** (Con)
- presiding minister** (A)
- Priest** Referring to Jesus. (usage) (H) 601.6
- priest, a** (AP) 607.2
- priesthood of all believers** (A, Con, CW)
- priesthood of Christ** (CW) 611.5
- prince of darkness** Referring to Satan. (CW) 606.1
- Prince of life** (usage) (H) 601.6
- Prince of peace** (usage) (Con) 601.6
- Prince of Peace** Relating to Isaiah 9:6.
- prison epistles** (CW) 603.2
- prison letters** (CW) 603.2
- private Communion**
- Private Confession** A section in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. Lowercase when used generically. 610.3
- prodigal son, the** (CW) 603.4
- Promised Land** Capitalize when used with or without *of Canaan*. (Con, CW) 608.1
- Promised One** Synonym for Jesus. (Con, CW) 601.1
- Professor Emeritus Delmar Brick** (et al.) Do not abbreviate *emeritus*, except in the *Yearbook*.
- prologue**
- proofreader** (CW)
- proper, -s** May be capitalized in liturgical materials. (A, Con)
- prophet** Lowercase unless used as part of a common epithet that has come to have the force of a proper name: the

prophet Jeremiah, but the Weeping Prophet. (CW)

Prophet Referring to Jesus. (usage) (G, H, MW) 601.6

prophet, a 607.2

prophets, the (C) 603.2

pros and cons (A, Con)

Protestant, -ism Capitalize when referring either to denominations formed as a result of the break from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century or to the members of these denominations. (A, AP, B, C, Con, CW, US) 605.1

provider, the 601.6

psalm A generic term that specifies a form of written document: the 23rd psalm, a psalm of David. Capitalize when referring to a specific psalm: Psalm 23. (A, CW) 603.3

Psalm 119 (et al.) (CW) 603.3

psalmist, the (A, Con, CW)

Psalm of the Day 610.3

Psalms, the Capitalize when referring to the book of the Bible or a specific psalm: Psalms 22 and 28. Otherwise lowercase: 23rd psalm; used psalms in their worship. (Con) 603.3

psalm writer Two words. (Con)

Psalter, the The Psalms. (A, CW) 603.3

Pseudepigrapha Capitalize when used as a noun; lowercase when used as an adjective. (A)

purgatory (CW) 608.2

Purim Feast of Esther. (CW) 610.5

Q

Qumran Region of the western shore of the Dead Sea. (CW)

Qur'an Variant of *Koran*. (A, Con)

R

rabbi Capitalize when used as part of a title: Rabbi Schuller; or as a form of address: I heard you, Rabbi. (Con, CW)

rabbinical (Con, E)

rational, -ism, -ist (Con) 605.3

real presence (CW) 611.3

Redeemer (usage) 601.6

redemption (A) 611.3

Reformation, the (A, Con, CW, US) 609.2

Reformed church, the (A, C, CW) 605.5

Reformed Church in America, the (C) 605.1, 605.5

Reformed theology (CW) 605.3

Reformer, the Capitalize when used as a synonym for Martin Luther. (Con) 607.1

reformers (Con)

refuge (H)

Religious Right 605.3

Responsive Prayer Capitalize as part of the liturgy; lowercase if used generically. (Con) 610.3

resurrection, the (CW) 609.3

Resurrection and the Life Referring to Jesus. (usage) 601.6

resurrection of Christ (A, Con, CW) 609.3

Revelation Sacred writing; not *Revelations*. (C)

Reverend, Rev. The title *Reverend* is an adjective, not a noun and must, therefore, always be used with a given name or initials when writing the address. The article *the* when preceding *Reverend* in a sentence should not be capitalized. The abbreviation *Rev.* should not be used when preceded by *the*.

righteous, the

righteousness (H) 611.3

Righteous One Referring to Christ in Isaiah 24:16

rite Lowercase in general; capitalize when used with the name of a specific liturgy or part of a liturgy: Roman rite, Eastern rite, Rite of Confirmation. 610.2, 610.4

rock, the Referring to Christ (CW) 601.6

Rock of ages (H) 601.6

role play Two words as a noun. (D)

role-play Hyphenate as a verb. (D)

Roman Catholic, a (C) 605.1

Roman Catholic Church, the (A, CW, E) 605.1, 605.5

Roman Catholicism (C) 605.1

Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year. (CW) 610.5

S

Sabbath, Sabbath Day Seventh day of the Hebrew week. (A, Con, CW, H, US) 610.5

sabbatical Lowercase as a noun or adjective. (CW)

sacrament Capitalize when used as a synonym for Baptism or Holy Communion: Sacrament of Holy Communion. Lowercase in reference to Word and sacrament; Communion is a sacrament; the Lutheran church has two sacraments. (A, Con) 611.6

Sacrament, the Capitalize when used specifically for Baptism or Communion. (C) 611.6

sacramental (A, Con) 611.6

Sacrament of Baptism (Con) 611.6

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Con) 611.6

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Con) 611.6

Sacrament of the Altar (A, Con) 611.6

Sadducees (A, Con, CW) 605.3

Saint Mark the evangelist Also St. by editor preference (C)

Saint Peter See above (G)

salvation (H) 611.3

Sanctifier (usage) 601.6

sanctuary The area immediately surrounding the altar. (C, Con) 611.1

“Sanctus” Titled “Holy, Holy, Holy” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (A, Con) 610.3

Sanhedrin (CW)

Satan (A, AP, Con, CW, US) 606.1

satanic (AP, CW) 606.2

satanism (CW) 605.3

Savior Capitalize when referring to Jesus. Use this spelling rather than *Saviour*. (A) 601.6

Savior-God

Savior-King

school Capitalize if part of a proper name. (US)

scribes Called *sopherim* in Jewish literature. (A, Con, CW)

scriptural (AP, C, CW, E, NPH, Con, A) 603.5

Scripture, -s Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible: The Scriptures are God’s revelation to man. Lowercase when used as a general

term for religious writings: Buddhist scriptures. (A, Con, CW, US) 603.1

Sea of bronze

seat of judgment (A, Con)

second Not *secondly*. (Con)

second Adam Referring to Christ. (usage) (Con, CW) 601.6

second advent, the (CW) 609.3

second book of Samuel (NPH) 603.3

second coming (Con, CW) 609.3

second coming of Christ (A, CW) 609.3

second person of the Trinity (CW) 611.5

Second Table of the Law

Seder Referring to the Passover. (Con) 610.5

self-control Hyphenate. (D)

self-esteem Hyphenate. (D)

self-respect Hyphenate. (D)

semi-Pelagian, -ism

Semite (CW)

Septuagesima (CW) 610.5

Septuagint Capitalize when used as a noun. (A, CW) 603.1

seraph, -im (CW)

Sermon on the Mount, the (C, CW, G, MW) 603.4

serpent, the Referring to Satan. Genesis 3. (A, Con, H) 606.1

Servant-King

Servant of the Lord Capitalize when referring to Jesus. (A) 601.6

Service of Light Page 54 in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

Service of the Word Page 38 in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (Con) 610.2

Service of Word and Sacrament Page 26 in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.2

seven deadly sins Sloth, lust, covetousness, anger, envy, gluttony, pride. (A, Con)

Seventh-day Adventists (CW, US) 605.1

shalom (CW)

share the Peace Capitalize only when referring to part of the liturgy. (Con, LW)

Shekinah Hebrew for the visible presence, pillar of cloud/fire, with tabernacle, Holy Spirit.

Shema, the 603.4

sheol Lowercase as a common noun. (CW)

Shepherd Referring to Christ. (usage) 601.6

Shepherd Psalm, the Psalm 23. (CW) 603.4

shield (H)

Shulammite (CW)

[*sic*] word is italic, brackets are not

sin offering (CW)

six chief parts (Con)

SMART Board® A type of interactive whiteboard.

Society of Jesus (C) 605.1

soda pop Accommodates regional differences. (Con)

softcover One word, *paper cover* preferred.

sola fida

sola gratia

sola Scriptura

Solomon's temple (CW) 608.1

Son Referring to the second person of the Trinity. (A, AP, Con) 601.1

“Song of Mary” Titled “Magnificat” in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

“Song of Simeon” Titled “Nunc Dimittis” in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

Son of God, the (A, AP, C, Con, CW) 601.1

Son of Man (A, C, NIV) 601.1

Son of Mary Capitalize the word *son* when used as an epithet, but *Mary's son*. (Con) 601.1

sonship (C, E) 611.5

sonship of Christ (A, CW) 611.5

sopherim, the Name for the scribes in Jewish literature.

Southern Kingdom Judah. (A, Con) 608.1

sovereign Lord (Con) 611.4

space age Hyphenate as an adjective. (A, Con, US)

Spirit Also God's Spirit, Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of God, Holy Spirit. (Con) 601.1

Spirit-God

spirit of Christ Lowercase when referring to Jesus' human soul. Capitalize when referring to the Holy Spirit. (A) 611.5

Spirit of life

stanza 2 Referring to part of a hymn, not verse 2. (Con) 611.1

Star Referring to Christ. (usage) (H) 601.6

state Capitalize when used with a name, but lowercase when used as a general term: New York State; the state of Ohio. 910.8

Stone Age (Con) 609.2

storybook One word in general, but *Bible story book*. (Con)

subcommittee

substitute (H) 601.6

Suffering Servant Synonym for Jesus. (usage) (A, Con) 601.6

Sukkoth Feast of Booths. (CW) 610.5

Sunday school A noun or an adjective. (A, CW)

Sun of Righteousness (usage) (CW) 601.1

sunshine (H)

supper (H)

Supper, the Referring to Communion. Prefer Lord's Supper.

Supreme Being, the (C, CW, E, G) 601.1

synagogue Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (C, Con, CW) 611.1

synod Capitalize only when used as part of a proper noun; otherwise lowercase: Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Wisconsin Synod, Missouri Synod, Wisconsin and Missouri Synods, the synod. (NPH)

synodical (Con)

synodwide (Con)

synoptic gospels (A, CW) 603.2

synoptic writers, the (CW)

T

tabernacle Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun. (Con, CW) 611.1

table of shewbread (CW)

Table of the Law, First, Second

tagboard One word. (Con)

Talmud The Hebrew Bible. (A, C, CW, MW)

Talmudic (E)

Targum Aramaic paraphrase of the Old Testament.

“Te Deum” Titled “We Praise You, O God” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (C, CW) 610.3

teenager (Con, CW)

television, TV Abbreviation does not use periods. (Con, D)

temple Capitalize when part of the official name of a local religious meeting place. Lowercase as a common noun or when referring to the place of worship in ancient Jerusalem. (A, C, Con, CW) 611.1

temptation, the (A, Con, CW) 609.3

temptation in the desert, the (CW) 609.3

temptation of Christ, the (CW) 609.3

tempter (H) 606.1

Ten Commandments, the (C, CW, E, H, MW, US) 603.4

tent (CW) 611.1

Tent of Meeting Capitalize only when referring to the sanctuary proper. (CW) 608.1

Tent of the Testimony (CW) 608.1

ten tribes, the Use *the lost tribes of Israel*. (CW)

ten tribes of Israel, the (CW)

Teresa, Mother (Con)

Testaments, the Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible. (CW) 603.4

“Thank the Lord” A liturgical song in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

thank you Two words; hyphenate as an adjective. Say a *thank-you prayer* or, better, say a *prayer of thanks*. (Con)

third Not thirdly. (Con)

third person of the Trinity (CW) 611.5

Third World *Developing countries* or *emerging nations* may be more appropriate. (Con, CW, US)

Thirty-nine Articles (A, CW, US)

Three in One Capitalize when used as an epithet for God: We worship the Three in One. Lowercase when describing God’s being: God is three in one. (H) 601.1, 611.4

throne of grace (CW)

thumbtack (Con)

Thummim (CW)

.tif File extension.

TIFF Use in text.

time line Two words meaning “listing of events in a historical period.” (D)

timeline Meaning “schedule of events, timetable.” (D)

time of the Gentiles, the (CW) 609.1

time of the judges, the (CW) 609.1

toll-free As an adjective or adverb.

tomb, the (CW)

Torah (A, CW)

toward No final *s*. (CW)

Tower of Babel (CW) 608.1

transfiguration, the 609.3

Transfiguration Sunday (A, Con) 610.5

Transjordan (CW) 608.1

tree of life (CW) 611.1

tree of the knowledge of good and evil
611.1

tribe of Judah (A, CW)

tribulation, the Historical event. (CW)
609.3

trinitarian Lowercase as adjective. (A,
(Con)

Trinity (A, Con, CW) 601.1

triumphal entry 609.3

triune God, the (A, Con, CW, NPH)
611.4

truth, the (A, H) 601.6

T-shirt

Twelve, the (C, Con, CW) 607.1

twelve apostles, the (A, CW) 607.1

20th century Hyphenate as an adjective.
(CW) 609.2

23rd psalm (CW) 603.3

twos and threes Walk in twos and threes.
(Con)

U

Una Sancta (Con)

unchristian (A, Con, CW)

ungodly (CW)

united kingdom Referring to a period of
Israel’s history. (CW)

universal church (CW) 605.5, 611.3

universalism (CW) 605.3

unscriptural (CW)

Upanishads Treatises dealing with
philosophic problems. (CW)

upper room (A)

ups and downs (Con)

Urim (CW)

utopia Capitalize when the perfect island
of Thomas Moore is meant; otherwise
lowercase. (Con, CW) 608.1

V

vacation Bible school (A, Con, CW)

VBS (A)

Vedas Related to Hindu. (C, CW)

Vedic Related to early Sanskrit, Hindu
scripture. (CW, E, MW)

“Venite” Titled “Oh, Come, Let Us Sing
to the Lord” in *Christian Worship: A
Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

verse, -s Abbreviated *v.* or *vv.* in parenthetical references, never *vs.* The word refers to a part of Scripture, not a hymn stanza. (Con) 603.2

Verse of the Day 610.3

Vespers Not *Vesper Service*. Titled “Evening Prayer” in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. (A, Con) 610.2

vesper service Lowercase when referring to an evening service in general. (C) 610.2

victor, the Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

vine (H) 601.6

virgin, the Meaning Mary. (A, C, E)

virgin birth (A, Con) 611.3

virgin Mary (Con, CW, E)

visible church (CW) 605.5, 611.3

visitors from the East The Magi, wise men from the East. (Con)

visual aids

Vulgate (A, CW) 603.1

W

watercolor One word, noun and adjective. (Con)

Water of Life Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

way, the Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.6

Way, the Truth, and the Life, the (usage) (CW) 601.6

WELS Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. 605.2

Web, the Referring to the World Wide Web.

website one word, lowercase

“We Praise You, O God” Titled “Te Deum Laudamus” in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. 610.3

Western church (CW) 605.5

Western rites (CW)

Westminster Catechism (CW)

white As a racial designation, lowercase both as an adjective and noun unless it is part of a phrase that would require capitalization. (A, CW)

whiteboard One word.

wholism Prefer *holism*. (Con)

wholistic Prefer *holistic*. (Con)

wicked one, the Referring to Satan. (CW) 606.1

will and mind of God (Con) 611.5

will, God’s (Con) 611.5

Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly A periodical published quarterly by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Subscriptions are processed at NPH. Abbreviated WLQ.

wisdom literature (A) 603.2

wise men (CW)

wise men from the East, the (A)

witness Capitalize when referring to a Jehovah's Witness. (D)

word Capitalize when referring to Christ or the Bible. Capitalize when referring to God's revelation to his people. Lowercase in other references: the word of God to Moses. When in doubt, capitalize: God speaks to us through his Word. The Word for us today is recorded in Acts 1:1-11. 603.1

Word, the Name for God or the Bible. (C, CW) 601.1, 603.1

Word and sacrament (A) 611.6

Word Incarnate Referring to Christ. (CW) 601.1

Word made flesh Synonym for Jesus. (Con, CW) 601.1

Word of God Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible. (CW, NPH) 603.1

Word of Life Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible. (CW) 603.1

Word of the Lord Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible and when referring to the whole revelation of God to his people; otherwise lowercase. The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah. 603.1

Word of Truth, the (CW) 603.1

word processor (CW)

words Lowercase: God's words.

Words of Institution Capitalize only when used as a title for part of the liturgy. (Con) 610.3

work-righteousness Not *works-righteousness*.

work sheet Two words. (Con)

worldwide One word as adjective and adverb.

World Wide Web Use *the Web*.

worshiped, -er, -ing (A, Con, CW, NPH)

worship service (C) 611.3

Writings, the Capitalize when used as a synonym for the Bible. (A, Con, CW) 603.1

wrongdoing One word. (D)

X

X-ray Capitalize and hyphenate as a verb, a noun, or an adjective. (MW)

Y

Yahweh Replace with *Lord*, unless part of a technical discussion. (A, C, Con, G, MW) 601.1

Year of Jubilee (CW) 610.5

Yom Kippur Day of Atonement. (CW, US) 610.5

Yuletide (CW) 610.5