



Ascension Lutheran Church



A Guide for Evening Family Devotions
For the week of the Second Sunday in Advent (Populus Zion)

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mt 28:19

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;
To herald Your love in the morning and Your truth at the close of the day.

Ps 92:1-2

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

Rom 10:10; 2 Cor 6:18

Ge 1:1

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16; 20:28

Mt 1:18; Lk 1:35

Mt 1:18; Lk 1:34

Jn 19:1, 15-16; 1 Ti 6:13

1 Cor 15:3-4

1 Pet 3:19

Lk 24:5-7

Lk 24:51

Mk 16:19; 1 Pet 3:22

Acts 10:42; 2 Ti 4:1

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Ge 1:2; Jn 14:26

Acts 20:28

1 Cor 11:23-26

Mt 26:27; Lk 24:47; Jn 20:23; Acts 2:38

Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15:12-13

Mt 25:46; Jn 12:50; Rev 22:20

Lord's Prayer

Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4; 1 Cbr 29:11

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



The Words of Jesus

Mt 11:11

“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Small Catechism

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.