



Ascension Lutheran Church



A Guide for Evening Family Devotions
For the week of the Third Sunday in Advent (*Gaudete*)

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

Rom 10:10; Mt 23:9
2 Cor 6:18
Ge 1:1
Col 1:16

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God
begotten of His Father before all worlds
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

Jn 20:28
Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16
Jn 17:5; Col 1:17
Jn 5:18; 8:12; 12:36
Col 2:9
Jn 1:1-2
Jn 10:30
Jn 1:3; Heb 1:2; Col 1:16
1 Ti 1:15
Mt 1:18; Lk 1:34-35
Jn 1:14; Gal 4:4
Jn 19:15-16
Lk 24:46
1 Cor 15:4
Lk 24:51
Mk 16:19; 1 Pet 3:22
Acts 10:42; 2 Ti 4:1
Lk 1:33

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Ge 1:1
Jn 6:63
Jn 15:26; 19:30
Mt 28:19
2 Pet 1:20-21
Acts 20:28; 1:2; 2:42
Eph 4:5; Acts 2:38
Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15:12-13
Mk 10:29-30; 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

Jn 1:26-27

John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

The Small Catechism

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we

pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.