



# Ascension Lutheran Church



A Guide for Evening Family Devotions  
For the week of the Third Sunday after Epiphany

## 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*

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*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

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.

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



## The Words of Jesus

Mt 8:24-26

And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?* It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. *Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

## The Small Catechism

*How can water do such great things?* Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter

## From God the Father, Virgin-Born

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1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the  
 2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man  
 3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of  
 4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -  
 flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -  
 heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed  
 dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.  
 stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.  
 sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.  
 gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

## 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.