



Ascension Lutheran Church



A Guide for Evening Family Devotions
For the week of the Ascension of Our Lord

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.

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

He descended into hell.

1 Pet 3:19

The third day He rose again from the dead.

Lk 24:5-7

He ascended into heaven

Lk 24:51

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Mk 16:19; 1 Pet 3:22

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Jn 14:25-27

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or loves contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Small Catechism

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire

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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ de - sire, Cre -
 2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
 4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To

a - tion’s might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
 bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
 ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
 purge us of our pride That we may stand be -

fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
 cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
 Fa - ther’s throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
 fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

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.