



Ascension Lutheran Church



A Guide for Evening Family Devotions
For the week of the Holy Trinity

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

Lk 16:29-31

“But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Where is this written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

The Small Catechism

What is the Office of the Keys? The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

We All Believe in One True God

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1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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.