

Daily Meditation

Invocation

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

Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17; Deuteronomy 5:7-21)

1st: You shall have no other gods.

2nd: You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

3rd: You shall keep the day of rest holy.

4th: Honor your father and your mother, that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

5th: You shall not kill.

6th: You shall not commit adultery.

7th: You shall not steal.

8th: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9th: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

10th: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Apostles' Creed (page 4)

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Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray You to protect me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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 You to 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 wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

WORSHIP

WHILE

AWAY



SUMMER 2021

Dear Friend in Christ,

While you are traveling for vacation or work, it is good to spend time hearing and learning God's Word. It may be possible for you to attend divine service at a Lutheran church of our fellowship, and Pastor would be glad to help you locate one. If distance, time, or other factors make it difficult to attend somewhere, this booklet is designed for worship in any setting.

A Bible is needed for the Readings on page 5. Some hotels are equipped with Bibles. Bible apps are also available for smartphones, or the text can be accessed at www.biblegateway.com.

The *Book of Family Prayer* is a useful book to have along. You could read the devotion that matches the Sunday of the church year (page 5). You could also use it for short daily devotions while on the road.

The back cover of this booklet has texts for daily meditation and prayers for morning and evening.

When possible, husbands and fathers are encouraged to lead their families in worship. Ephesians 6:4 emphasizes this: "*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord*" (ESV).

The LORD bless you and keep you while you are away and bring you safely back home!

*Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in Him, and He will act.
- Psalm 37:5, ESV*

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- Psalm 46:1, ESV*

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589 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

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Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
M. Luther, 1483-1546
Tr. C. Winkworth, 1827-78

ERHALT UNS, HERR
J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*; Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Thy Word; Curb those who
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art
3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

fain by craft and sword Would wrest the King - dom
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Thy Chris - ten -
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our

from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.
dom that we May ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
fi - nal strife And lead us out of death to life.

Jesu, geh voran

N. L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-61; *canto* by C. Gregor, 1723-1801Tr. J. L. Borthwick, 1813-97, *alt.*

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

A. Drese, 1620-1701

1. Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest be won; And al -
 2. If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no
 3. When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp -
 4. Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest be won; Heav'n - ly

though the way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and
 faith - less fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for -
 ta - tions come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en -
 Lead - er, still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro -

fear - less; Guide us by Your hand To our prom - ised land.
 sake us; Safe - ly past the foe To our home we go.
 dur - ing; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 tect us, Till we safe - ly stand In our prom - ised land.

Matins

1. Confession of Sin

Dearly Beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Hymn (pages 7-15)

3. Versicles & Responsive Psalm (Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 95:1-7, NKJV)

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

O come, let us sing to the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation,

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

And make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

And a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it:

And His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down:

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God:

And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore.

Amen.

4. *Apostles' Creed*

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

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

5. *Hymn* (pages 7-15)

583 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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Guds Ord det er vort Arvegods
N. F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872
Tr. O. G. Belsheim, 1861-1925

EIN FESTE BURG
M. Luther, 1483-1546
Setting: L. M. Lindeman, 1812-87

God's Word is our great her - it - age, And shall be ours for
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall
be our chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure,
We keep its teach - ings pure, Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

370 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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H. W. Baker, 1821-77

ST. COLUMBA
Irish melody, c. 18th cent., alt.
Setting: C. V. Stanford, 1852-1924

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my

I am His, And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

6. Readings

The readings may be read for the selected Sunday below. Members of the family or group could be asked for connections between the readings, or one reading could be the focus of a short devotion. The leader will want to answer two major questions from the text: 1) What sin is being identified? 2) Where do we find God's grace and comfort?

May 30 - Trinity
Ezekiel 18:30-32
Romans 11:33-36
St. John 3:1-15

June 6 - Trinity 1
Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 John 4:16-21
St. Luke 16:19-31

June 13 - Trinity 2
Isaiah 25:6-9
1 John 3:13-18
St. Luke 14:16-24

June 20 - Trinity 3
Micah 7:18-20
1 Peter 5:6-11
St. Luke 15:1-10

June 27 - Trinity 4
Isaiah 58:6-12
Romans 8:18-23
St. Luke 6:36-42

July 4 - Trinity 5
Jeremiah 16:14-21
1 Peter 3:8-15
St. Luke 5:1-11

July 11 - Trinity 6
Exodus 20:1-17
Romans 6:3-11
St. Matthew 5:20-26

July 18 - Trinity 7
Jeremiah 31:23-25
Romans 6:19-23
St. Mark 8:1-9

July 25 - Trinity 8
Jeremiah 15:19-21
Romans 8:12-17
St. Matthew 7:15-23

Aug. 1 - Trinity 9
1 Chronicles 29:10-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13
St. Luke 16:1-9

Aug. 8 - Trinity 10
Jeremiah 7:1-7
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
St. Luke 19:41-48

Aug. 15 - Trinity 11
2 Samuel 22:21-29
1 Corinthians 15:1-10
St. Luke 18:9-14

Aug. 22 - Trinity 12
Isaiah 29:18-19
2 Corinthians 3:4-11
St. Mark 7:31-37

Aug. 29 - Trinity 13
Leviticus 18:1-5
Galatians 3:15-22
St. Luke 10:23-37

Sep. 5 - Trinity 14
Jeremiah 17:13-14
Galatians 5:16-24
St. Luke 17:11-19

7. General Prayer & Collect

The leader could ask the group for suggestions about what to pray. For example: thanksgiving for safe travels, good health, and fun experiences, help for those who are hurting, prayer for protection and guidance in the future and for a safe journey home. The prayer may conclude with these words:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

8. 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.**

9. Benedicamus & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.

10. Hymn (pages 7-15)

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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A. M. Toplady, 1740-78, alt.

TOPLADY
T. Hastings, 1784-1872

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands.
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood From Thy riv - en side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress, Help - less, look to Thee for grace.
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee!

Jesus Loves Me

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A. Warner, 1820-1915, st. 1
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, 1995, stzs. 2-4

JESUS LOVES ME (CHINA)
 W. B. Bradbury, 1816-68

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2. Je - sus loves me! See His grace! On the cross He took my place.
 3. Je - sus loves me! God's own Son O - ver sin the vic - t'ry won.
 4. Je - sus loves me! He is near. He is with His Church so dear.

Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 There He suf - fered and He died, That I might be glo - ri - fied.
 When I die, saved by His grace, I shall see Him face to face.
 And the Spir - it He has sent By His Word and Sac - ra - ment.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

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Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
 T. Clausnitzer, 1619-84, sts. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4
 Tr. C. Winkworth, 1827-78, sts. 1-3; unknown, st. 4

LIEBSTER JESU
 J. R. Ahle, 1625-73

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Thy Word We are gath - ered
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part, Light of Light, from
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to Thee and

all to hear Thee; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing; O - pen Thou our ears and heart,
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we Thy Word may trust,

Now to seek and love and fear Thee, By Thy teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. Thou a - lone to
 Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Thy
 And ob - tain true con - so - la - tion While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; Thou must work all good with - in us.
 peo - ple rais - es, Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der.

Beautiful Savior

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Schönster Herr Jesu
Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677
Tr. J. A. Seiss, 1823-1904

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd serve Thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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Weil ich Jesu Schäflein bin
H. L. von Hayn, 1724-82
Tr. composite

WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN
Brüder Choralbuch, Leipzig, 1784

1. I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2. Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3. Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am, For my Shep - herd gen - tly guides me,
Staff and Stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need, and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.