Daily Meditation

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the \clubsuit 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)

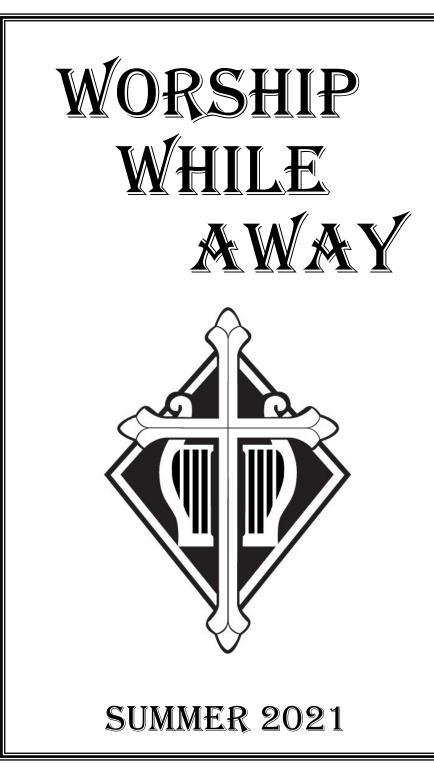
Lord's Prayer (page 6)

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.



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 <u>www.biblegateway.com</u>.

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

589 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word



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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



370 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! 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	July 4 – Trinity 5	Aug. 8 - Trinity 10
Ezekiel 18:30-32	Jeremiah 16:14-21	Jeremiah 7:1-7
Romans 11:33-36	1 Peter 3:8-15	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
St. John 3:1-15	St. Luke 5:1-11	St. Luke 19:41-48
June 6 – Trinity 1	July 11 - Trinity 6	Aug. 15 - Trinity 11
Jeremiah 9:23-24	Exodus 20:1-17	2 Samuel 22:21-29
1 John 4:16-21	Romans 6:3-11	1 Corinthians 15:1-10
St. Luke 16:19-31	St. Matthew 5:20-26	St. Luke 18:9-14
June 13 - Trinity 2	July 18 - Trinity 7	Aug. 22 - Trinity 12
Isaiah 25:6-9	Jeremiah 31:23-25	Isaiah 29:18-19
1 John 3:13-18	Romans 6:19-23	2 Corinthians 3:4-11
St. Luke 14:16-24	St. Mark 8:1-9	St. Mark 7:31-37
June 20 – Trinity 3	July 25 - Trinity 8	Aug. 29 - Trinity 13
Micah 7:18-20	Jeremiah 15:19-21	Leviticus 18:1-5
1 Peter 5:6-11	Romans 8:12-17	Galatians 3:15-22
St. Luke 15:1-10	St. Matthew 7:15-23	St. Luke 10:23-37
June 27 – Trinity 4	Aug. 1 - Trinity 9	Sep. 5 - Trinity 14
Isaiah 58:6-12	1 Chronicles 29:10-13	Jeremiah 17:13-14
Romans 8:18-23	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Galatians 5:16-24
St. Luke 6:36-42	St. Luke 16:1-9	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!**

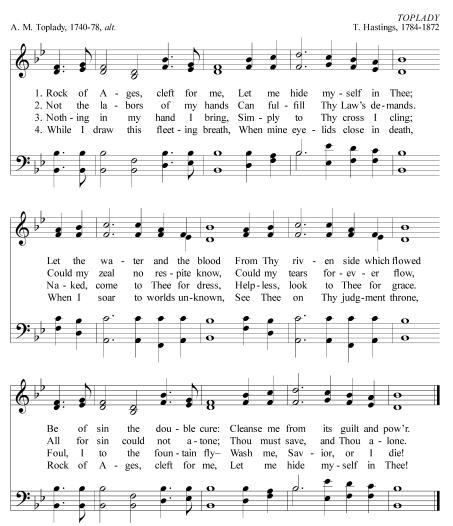
The grace of our Lord \bigstar Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.

10. Hymn (pages 7-15)

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