

SUMMER PRAYER ADVENTURE 2010



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INTRODUCTION

Studying God's Word was never intended to be just a Sunday thing. God intended the Bible to be our roadmap for life. We are to refer to it often to help us stay on the right track. If we only take a glance at God's Word on Sundays in worship, chances are we will often find ourselves feeling lost and downtrodden.

Martin Luther read the entire Bible through twice each year. You might say he had a daily feast of the words of life. Few of us have that same commitment. Our lives are so hectic these days that we are lucky to get a few minutes every once in a while. To deprive ourselves of God's Word is to starve ourselves of the very thing that we long for – peace and salvation. It's all about priorities. We make time for that which we deem important.

The faith community of Trinity Lutheran Church will embark on a spiritual journey this summer. Every member and family is asked to set aside 30 minutes every day for prayer and the study of Scripture. This booklet will guide you in this venture. We know that each family is different – some singles, some extended families; some young, some old. Whatever your circumstances, there are different options provided. Find one that fits your family. If there is more than one person in your family, we highly recommend doing your daily devotional together as a family.

You will notice that many devotional options can be used together. Others last only a month which means you can choose more than one option throughout the summer.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, will be the kick-off Sunday for this prayer adventure. During worship, you will be given the opportunity to commit to this program by offering a commitment card to God and placing it on the altar. Just as we make a financial commitment to Trinity each year, we will make a commitment of time to God: 30 minutes every day in prayer and Bible study during June, July, and August. Can you even begin to imagine how God will bless our congregation as we commit to the daily study of His Word? Psalm 1 says, "Oh, the joys of those... who delight in God's Word, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Although the experience will end on August 31, we will gather to celebrate the many blessings that came about in our lives by spending more time with God on Wednesday, September 8. We will gather at 6pm for a potluck meal. Then beginning at 7pm we will have an informal worship experience which will include time for people to personally share their experiences from this journey. Lutherans giving testimony! You won't want to miss it.

May God bless you as you begin this faith venture.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Everyone in the household should drop what they are doing – turn off the television, log off of Facebook, set the cell phone to silent mode – and gather together in the same room.

✦ **LIGHT A CANDLE** to remind yourself that when you set aside time for God, Christ promises to be with you.

Say, "Jesus Christ is the light of the world. He will show us the way that leads to peace and salvation."

✦ **OPENING PRAYER**

If devotions are done in the morning:

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angels be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

If devotions are done in the midday:

O God, our Creator, you have given us work to do and call us to use our talents for the good of all. Guide us as we serve, and teach us to live in the Spirit as your sons and daughters, devoting each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

If devotions are done in the evening:

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive all the wrongs I have done this day, and to protect me this night. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angels be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

✦ **Recite the APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

✦ Choose a **DEVOTION** from the many options provided (pp. 5-20).

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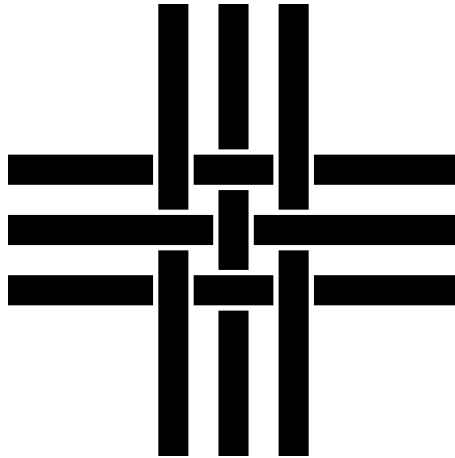
DAILY DEVOTIONS (cont.)

✝ Pray the **LORD'S PRAYER**.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever: Amen

✝ **BLESS ONE ANOTHER** by drawing the sign of the cross on each other's (or your own) forehead.

Say, "*Name*), child of God, may you stand strong in faith,
live boldly in grace, and find strength in God's powerful Word."



OPTION # 1

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

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Mediate on a portion of Luther's Small Catechism each day.

Consider the following questions:

1. What do these words teach me about God? About myself?
2. How do these words speak to what I am experiencing this day?

You can also use the Scripture readings under Option #4 (p. 17) for a more in-depth study.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Day 1

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.

Day 2

The Second Commandment

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.

Day 3

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's Word, but instead keep that Word holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

Day 4

The Fourth commandment

Honor your father and your mother:

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents or others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.

Day 5

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.

Day 6

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we lead pure and decent lives in word and deed, and each of us loves and honors his or her spouse.

Day 7

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God so that we neither take our neighbor's money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income.

Day 8

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.

OPTION # 1 (cont.)

Day 9

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property, or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.

Day 10

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor:

What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbor's their spouses, household workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and fulfill their responsibilities to our neighbors.

Day 11

What then does God say about all these commandments?

God says the following: I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we are to fear his wrath and not disobey these commandments. However, God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep these commandments. Therefore we also are to love and trust him and gladly act according to his commands.

THE CREED

Day 12

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against ►

OPTION # 1 (cont.)

all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all. For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

☐ Day 13

The Second Article: Redemption

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

☐ Day 14

The Third Article: Being Made Holy

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him. Instead, the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Day 15

Introduction

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God wants to attract us, so that we come to believe He is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask Him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father:

Day 16

The First Petition

Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

It is true that God's name is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that it may also become holy in and among us.

How does this come about?

Whenever the word of God is taught clearly and purely and we as God's children, also live holy lives according to it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven! However, whoever teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches dishonors the name of God among us. Preserve us from this, heavenly Father!

Day 17

The Second Petition

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

In fact God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer; but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.

How does this come about?

Whenever our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's holy Word and live Godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Day 18

The Third Petition

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer; but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us.

How does this come about?

Whenever God breaks and hinders every evil scheme and will – as are present in the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh – that would not allow us to hallow God's name and would prevent the coming of His kingdom. May God strengthen us and keep us steadfast in His word and in faith until the end of our lives. This is God's gracious and good will.

Day 19

The Fourth Petition

Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer; even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God will cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

What then does "daily bread" mean?

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Day 20

The Fifth Petition

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.

Day 21

The Sixth Petition

Save us from the time of trial.

What does this mean?

It is true that God tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would preserve and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins, and that, although we may be attacked by them, we, may finally prevail and gain the victory.

Day 22

The Seventh Petition

And deliver us from evil. ►

OPTION # 1 (cont.)

What does this mean?

We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil – affecting body or soul, property or reputation – and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

Day 23

Conclusion

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

What does this mean?

That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to and heard by our Father in heaven, for He himself commanded us to pray like this and has promised to hear us. "Amen, amen" means "Yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Day 24

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word.

What then is this Word of God?

Where our Lord Christ says in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Day 25

What gifts or benefits does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it as the words and promise of God declare.

What are these words and promise of God?

Where our Lord Christ says in Mark 16, "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned."

OPTION # 1 (cont.)

☐ Day 26

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the Word of God, which is with and alongside the water and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism. But with the Word of God it is a baptism – a grace-filled water of life and a “bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,” as St Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, “through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior; so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.”

☐ Day 27

What then is the significance of such baptism with water?

It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans 6, “We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

CONFESSION

☐ Day 28

What is confession?

Confession consists of two parts. One is that we confess our sins. The other is that we receive the absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself and by no means doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thereby forgiven before God in heaven.

Which sins is a person to confess?

Before God one is to acknowledge the guilt for all sins, even those of which we are not aware as we do in the Lord’s Prayer. However, before the pastor we are to confess only those sins of which we have knowledge and which trouble us.

Which sins are these?

Here reflect on your place in life in light of the Ten Commandments – whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant, whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed, whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

☐ Day 29

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and St. Paul write thus: "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

The words "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.

☐ Day 30

How can bodily eating and drinking do such a great thing?

Eating and drinking certainly do not do it, but rather the words that are recorded: "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." These words, when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, "forgiveness of sin."

Who, then, receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are in fact a fine external discipline, but a person who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin," is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words "for you" require truly believing hearts.

OPTION # 2

READ THE BIBLE COVER TO COVER IN 90 DAYS (OR CHOOSE JUST THE OLD OR NEW TESTAMENT)

Using the following schedule, you can make your way from Genesis to Revelation in three months.

Or, if the whole Bible sounds too daunting, just pick one column or the other (either the Old or New Testament).

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	June 1	Genesis 1-5; Job 1-6	Matthew 1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	June 2	Genesis 6-10; Job 7-12	Matthew 4-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	June 3	Genesis 11-15; Job 13-18	Matthew 7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	June 4	Genesis 16-20; Job 19-24	Matthew 10-12
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<input type="checkbox"/> 8	June 8	Genesis 36-40; Psalms 1-6	Matthew 22-24
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	June 9	Genesis 41-45; Psalms 7-12	Matthew 25-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	June 10	Genesis 46-50; Psalms 13-18	Matthew 27-28
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	June 11	Exodus 1-5; Psalms 19-24	Mark 1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	June 12	Exodus 6-10; Psalms 25-30	Mark 4-6
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<input type="checkbox"/> 15	June 15	Exodus 21-25; Psalms 43-48	Mark 13-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	June 16	Exodus 26-30; Psalms 49-54	Mark 15-16
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<input type="checkbox"/> 19	June 19	Leviticus 1-5; Psalms 67-72	Luke 7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	June 20	Leviticus 6-10; Psalms 73-78	Luke 10-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	June 21	Leviticus 11-15; Psalms 79-84	Luke 13-15
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	June 22	Leviticus 16-19; Psalms 85-90	Luke 16-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	June 23	Leviticus 20-23; Psalms 91-96	Luke 19-21
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<input type="checkbox"/> 31	July 1	Numbers 28-32; Psalms 139-144	John 19-21
<input type="checkbox"/> 32	July 2	Numbers 33-36; Psalms 145-150	Acts 1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 33	July 3	Deuteronomy 1-5; Proverbs 1-6	Acts 4-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 34	July 4	Deuteronomy 6-10; Proverbs 7-11	Acts 7-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 35	July 5	Deuteronomy 11-15; Proverbs 12-16	Acts 10-12
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Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament
<input type="checkbox"/> 37	July 7	Deuteronomy 21-25; Proverbs 22-26	Acts 16-18
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<input type="checkbox"/> 45	July 15	Judges 1-5; Isaiah 13-18	Romans 13-16
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OPTION # 2 (cont.)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 79	August 18	2 Chronicles 1-6; Amos 1-3	James 4-5
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<input type="checkbox"/> 83	August 22	2 Chronicles 25-30; Micah 1-4	1 John 1-3
<input type="checkbox"/> 84	August 23	2 Chronicles 31-36; Micah 5-7	1 John 4-5
<input type="checkbox"/> 85	August 24	Ezra 1-5; Nahum 1-3; Habakkuk 1-3	2 John; 3 John; Jude
<input type="checkbox"/> 86	August 25	Ezra 6-10; Zephaniah 1-3; Haggai 1-2	Revelation 1-5
<input type="checkbox"/> 87	August 26	Nehemiah 1-7; Zechariah 1-4	Revelation 6-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 88	August 27	Nehemiah 8-13; Zechariah 5-9	Revelation 11-14
<input type="checkbox"/> 89	August 28	Esther 1-5; Zechariah 10-14	Revelation 15-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 90	August 29	Esther 6-10; Malachi 1-4	Revelation 19-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 91	August 30	CATCH UP DAY	
<input type="checkbox"/> 92	August 31	CATCH UP DAY	

OPTION # 3

SHARE. READ. TALK. PRAY.

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Everyone in the family should take turns going through these four simple steps:

1. **SHARE** your high and low for the day.
2. **READ** a passage from Scripture. (For ideas, see Option # 2 or # 4)
3. **TALK** about how the Scripture passage relates to your highs and lows.
4. **PRAY** for each family member's high and low.

Each person should be given the opportunity to pray for someone else:

"Dear God, thank you for..." (*the high that was shared*)

"Be with (name) when..." (*the low that was shared*)



OPTION # 4

BIBLE CATECHISM

Learn about the basics of the Christian faith using these Scripture passages.

There are 32 categories; so, if you cover 1 category a day, you will finish the list in about a month.

Scriptures Dealing With The First Commandment – One God

- Exodus 20:1-7
- Romans 8:28-39
- Ephesians 1:3-4
- Isaiah 42:5-9
- Psalm 118
- John 10:27-30

Scriptures Dealing With The Second and Third Commandments – Honoring God & Remembering The Sabbath

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Jeremiah 10:6-10
- John 1:1,14
- Isaiah 40:6-8
- Hebrews 1:1-4

Scriptures Dealing With The Fourth Commandment – Honoring Parents

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Matthew 10:34-37
- Psalm 68:5-6
- Ephesians 6:1-4
- Romans 13:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:13-17

Scriptures Dealing With The Fifth Commandment – Standing on the Side of Life

- Genesis 4:1-16
- Genesis 9:6-7
- 1 John 3:14-18
- Matthew 5:38-42
- Romans 12:19-21
- Psalm 3

Scriptures Dealing With The Sixth Commandment – Adultery

- Psalm 128
- Genesis 2:18-25
- 1 Corinthians 6:15-20
- Mark 10:6-12

Scriptures Dealing With The Seventh Commandment – Stealing

- 1 Peter 4:9-11
- Matthew 25:14-30
- Leviticus 19:35-36
- Matthew 5:38-42
- Galatians 5:13-15

Scriptures Dealing With The Eighth Commandment – Bearing False Witness

- Matthew 18:15-17
- Zechariah 8:14-17
- Proverbs 31:8-9
- John 10:1-5
- 1 Peter 4:7-8
- Luke 6:37-38

Scriptures Dealing With The Ninth and Tenth Commandments – Coveting

- Romans 15:4-6
- 1 Kings 21:1-16
- Amos 5:11-24
- Luke 12:15-21
- James 1:12-18
- Colossians 3:1-5

Scriptures Dealing With All Of The Commandments

- Genesis 8:20-22
- Ezekiel 18:1-24
- Romans 8:1-11
- Psalm 14
- 1 John 5:1-5
- Galatians 3:10-14
- James 1:12-18
- Colossians 3:1-5

OPTION # 4 (cont.)

Scriptures Dealing With The First Article of the Apostles' Creed – The Father

- Psalm 8
- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Matthew 6:25-33
- Romans 4:13-25
- Job 38-41
- Psalm 139

Scriptures Dealing With The Second Article of the Apostles Creed – The Son

- Isaiah 53
- Mark 8:27-33
- Luke 2:1-20
- Galatians 2:19-21
- Ephesians 1:2-23
- Romans 3:21-31

Scriptures Dealing With The Third Article of the Apostles Creed – The Holy Spirit

- Psalm 139:7-12
- Acts 2
- Joel 2:28-32
- John 3:1-17
- John 20:19-23
- Galatians 5:16-26

Scriptures Dealing With The First, Second, and Third Petitions of The Lord's Prayer – God's Holy Kingdom

- Ephesians 3:20-21
- Acts 4:23-31
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Matthew 6:5-15

Scriptures Dealing With The Fourth Petition of The Lord's Prayer – Daily Bread

- Matthew 4:1-11
- Exodus 16:1-21
- Psalm 90

Scriptures Dealing With The Fifth Petition of The Lord's Prayer – Forgiveness

- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 1 Peter 5:6-11
- Romans 6:1-11

Scriptures Dealing With The Sixth Petition of The Lord's Prayer – Trials

- Psalm 30
- 2 Timothy 4:17-18
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Scriptures Dealing With The Seventh Petition of The Lord's Prayer – Deliverance

- Isaiah 43:1-3
- Romans 8:18-25
- 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

Scriptures Dealing With The Doxology of The Lord's Prayer – Amen!

- Psalm 23
- Luke 2:25-38
- Revelation 22:12-21

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Baptism – What Is Baptism?

- Mark 16:15-16
- Matthew 3:13-17
- Ephesians 4:4-6
- Romans 6:3-4

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Baptism – What Are The Benefits?

- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Romans 8:28-30
- John 14:18-21

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Baptism – How Can Water Do Such Great Things?

- John 3:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Psalm 139:13-18

OPTION # 4 (cont.)

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Baptism – What Does It Mean For Daily Living?

- Luke 19:1-10 Romans 14:7-9 Ephesians 4:17-24

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Communion – What Is It?

- Acts 2:37-42 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 13:1-10

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Communion – What Are The Benefits?

- Psalm 51 Matthew 5:21-24 Ephesians 2:1-10

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Communion – How Can Eating And Drinking Do All This?

- Mark 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 John 6:35-40 John 6:53-58

Scriptures Dealing With Holy Communion – When Is One Rightly Prepared?

- 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 Matthew 8:5-13 Ephesians 2:1-10

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – The Word of God

- John 1:1-14 Isaiah 56:6-8 John 14:1-14

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – Baptism and the Lord's Supper

- Ephesians 6:10-20 Matthew 18:20 Isaiah 40:6-8

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – Confession and Absolution

- Matthew 18:15-20 Luke 15:11-24 Psalm 25

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – Ministry

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 Ephesians 2:19-22

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – Worship

- Acts 2:41-47 John 4:21-26 Romans 6:1-5

Scriptures Dealing With The Seven Marks of the Church – Suffering

- 1 Peter 4:12-19 Psalm 22 Job 42:1-6

OPTION # 5

FAITH JOURNAL

Buy an inexpensive spiral notebook and begin to jot down your thoughts as you read specific passages of Scripture. You can use a Bible reading plan printed in this booklet, or check out other Bible reading plans:

A Short Passage of Scripture Each Day

www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/The-Bible/Todays-Bible-Reading.aspx

A Single Chapter of the New Testament Each Day

www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/5x5x5_BR.pdf

Four Separate Readings From The Bible Each Day

www.navpress.com/uploadedFiles/15074%20BR.pdf

OR

Choose a different hymn each day from the Lutheran hymnal and discover what message it proclaims.

Be sure to date each entry and note the specific Scripture or hymn.

Some Possible Questions To Consider Each Day:

1. What is God saying to me in this passage/hymn?
2. What command should I follow?
3. What promise should I claim?
4. What sin should I avoid?
5. What truth can I share with others in my life?

Also Include:

- + Things for which I am thankful.
- + Things that are weighing me down.
- + Ways I sense God working in my life.

OPTION # 6

If you have young children, use an age-appropriate Bible storybook and read a different story each day. The *Spark Bible* from Augsburg Fortress is highly recommended.

OTHER OPTIONS

- Let God call your phone each day! Your phone will ring (at the time of day you specify) and you will hear a Scripture reading and a brief devotion. Sign up FREE at: www.411god.net
- Pray the newspaper each day. Instead of just reading the obituaries, pray for the families by name asking God to grant them peace in the midst of their loss; offer prayers of thanksgiving for people celebrating.
- Subscribe to a Lutheran e-mail daily devotion. Check out: revkerry.wordpress.com or www.luthensem.edu/godpause/
- Check out a book from the library about the Christian faith, the Bible, or Martin Luther. Commit to read daily.