



May
Week 4

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

May God be merciful to us and bless us
and cause his face to shine on us
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you will judge the peoples with justice and
govern the nations on earth.
The earth has yielded its harvest
and God, our God, has blessed us.
God has blessed us,
and all the ends of the earth honor him.

Psalm 67:1-2, 4, 6-7

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

Spread the Reign of God the Lord (page 5)
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
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4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

General Letters, part 2

Revelation

Summary Statement

A vision of Jesus' final victory over the devil

Outline

I. Pictures of Christ (1)

II. Letters to Churches (2-3)

III. Scenes from Heaven (4-22)

Key Verses

1:8; 5:12; 7:9; 21:4; 22:17

Daily Readings

Su	Rev 1:9-20	Rev 2:1-11
Mo	Rev 2:12-29	Rev 3:1-22
Tu	Rev 5:1-14	Rev 7:1-17
We	Rev 11:1-14	Rev 13:1-18
Th	Rev 14:1-13	Rev 17:1-18
Fr	Rev 18:1-8,20-24	Rev 20:1-15
Sa	Rev 21:1-8	Rev 22:6-21



BIBLE EVENTS

Early Church

Acts 19:22-41 The Riot in Ephesus



- What was the silversmith named Demetrius in the business of making? (19:24)
- Who prevented Paul from entering the crowd of people? (19:30)
- For how long did the crowd shout “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians”? (19:34)
- What danger did the town clerk say the crowd at Ephesus was in? (19:40)

Acts 25:23—26:32 ★ Paul’s Trials



- Who did Paul make his case to, calling him an expert in Jewish customs and questions? (26:2-3)
- What opinion did Festus have of Paul and his “great learning”? (26:24)
- What did Agrippa think Paul was trying to make him? (26:28)
- Agrippa could not set Paul free because Paul appealed to whom? (26:32)

Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

Acts 27:27-44 ★ The Shipwreck



- What did Paul say was the only way all the men could be saved from the storm? (27:31)
- What part of the ship began to break up because of the waves' violence? (27:41)
- Who did the centurion want to save? (27:43)
- After the shipwreck, how many came safely to land? (27:44)

Acts 28:17-31 Paul in Rome



- In Rome, why did Paul tell his fellow Jews that he was in chains? (28:20)
- What was the response of the Jews who had come to listen to Paul's preaching? (28:24)
- What did Paul say that caused the Jews to depart in a great dispute? (28:28-29)
- Where did Paul stay for two years while under arrest in Rome? (28:30)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

The Creed, Third Article

Third Article: Of Sanctification

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In that Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

103. What will the Holy Spirit give to all believers in Christ?

Eternal life in heaven with God

Psalm 23:6; Matthew 25:34; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 21:3-4

104. Where will unbelievers go when they die? Hell, or eternal separation from God

Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 25:41; Luke 16:23-24; Revelation 20:15

Resurrection and Eternal Life

101. What will the Holy Spirit do on the last day?

- A. He will raise me and all the dead
- B. He will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ

A – Acts 24:15; Romans 8:11; B – John 11:25-26

102. What will our raised bodies be like?

- A. Immortal
- B. Incorruptible

A – Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; B – 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philippians 3:21

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5 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, our Protector, behold, and look upon the face of Your Anointed, who has given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, Your Name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place, sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Your Name. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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.

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 that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my actions 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 evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OR

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.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

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Spread the Reign of God the Lord

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1. Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2. Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3. Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4. Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,

5

Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5. Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6. Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.



The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not as of old a lit - tle child, To
 3. Oh, bright - er that the ris - ing morn When
 4. Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And

3

light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your

6

east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 splen - dor comes And we shall see His face.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!