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May
Week 3

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

Shout joyfully to Yahweh,
all the earth.
Serve Yahweh with gladness;
come before his presence with joyful singing.
Know that Yahweh is God;
he made us, and we are his.
We are his people
and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him
and bless his name.
For Yahweh is good;
his covenant faithfulness endures forever and his truthfulness through all generations.

Psalm 100:1-5

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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us (page 5)
For All the Saints (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

General Letters, part 2

Jude

Summary Statement

A letter of warning and defense of the truth

Outline

I. Warnings of Godless Men (1:1-16)

II. Ways of Godly Men (1:17-25)

Key Verses

1:3; 1:11; 1:14-15; 1:22-23; 1:24-25

Daily Readings

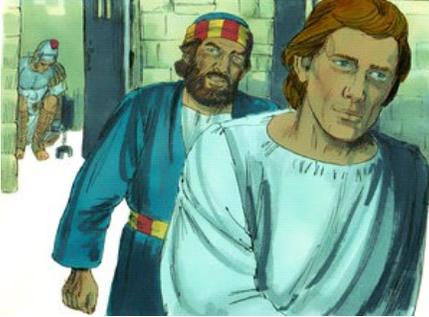
Su	Jud 1:1-4	
Mo	Jud 1:5-7	
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Fr	Jud 1:17-23	
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BIBLE EVENTS

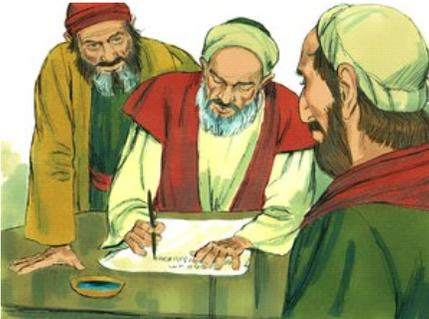
Early Church

Acts 12:1-19 ★ An Angel Rescues Peter



- Which of the disciples did King Herod kill? (12:2)
- Who was praying earnestly to God for Peter? (12:5)
- Who helped Peter escape from his imprisonment? (12:7-8)
- What was the name of the servant girl who answered the door? (12:13)

Acts 15:1-21 The Jerusalem Council



- What did some men from Judea teach as necessary to be saved? (15:1)
- How did Peter say both Jews and Gentiles are saved? (15:11)
- Who reported about the signs and wonders that God was doing among the Gentiles? (15:12)
- What four things did the church leaders encourage the Gentile Christians to abstain from? (15:20)

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

Acts 16:16-40 ★ The Prison Earthquake



- Who was listening to Paul and Silas singing in prison? (16:25)
- What happened that caused all the prison doors to open? (16:26)
- What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas when he saw that no one had left the prison? (16:30)
- Who was baptized along with the jailer? (16:33)

Acts 17:16-34 Paul in Athens



- What did Paul see in Athens that provoked his spirit? (17:16)
- What was the inscription on one of the altars that Paul made use of? (17:23)
- What did Paul say about the proximity of the Lord? (17:27)
- What did Paul talk about that caused some of his hearers to mock him? (17:32)

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.

Forgiveness of Sins

97. What does the Holy Spirit daily and richly forgive in this Christian Church?

All my sins and the sins of all believers

Jeremiah 31:34; Romans 8:33

98. Why does God forgive our sins?

- A. Because God is merciful
- B. Because Jesus died for our sins

A – Psalm 86:15; B – Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 2:2

99. What is justification?

God declaring us righteous for Jesus' sake

Romans 3:22-24, 28; 4:5

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

100. Why is the doctrine of justification central to the Christian faith?

- A. It distinguishes Christianity from all other religions
- B. It gives God all the glory
- C. It gives comfort to sinners

A – Galatians 5:4-5; B – Revelation 1:5-6; C – Matthew 9:2; Acts 16:30-31, 34

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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.



O Lord, keep Your Church and household continually in Your Truth, that those who lean only on the hope of Your heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Your mighty power. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, wretched sinners, and that there is no good in us. Our hearts, flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never in this life without sinful lusts and desires. Therefore dear Father, forgive us these sins, and let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we may desire and love Your Word, abide by it, and thus by Your grace be forever saved. 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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Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1. To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin. How -
 2. To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in Shall
 3. To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits; His
 4. O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - op - en Door, What



5 ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been, How -
 find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin. The
 bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No
 9 should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er? When



ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your
 past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A
 ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come; Al -
 13 all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We



pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 fu - ture grace by prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.



For All the Saints



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith be -
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their cap - tain
 3. Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4. Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine! We feeb - ly strug - gle,



fore the world con - fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er
 in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true
 nobly fought of old And win with them the vic - tor's crown of
 they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are



blest.
 light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 gold!
 Thine.

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!