

Personal and Family Devotions ● Small Groups ● Church meetings

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

How great are your deeds, Yahweh!

Your thoughts are very deep.

A brutish person does not know, **nor does a fool understand this:**

When the wicked sprout like the grass, and even when

all the evildoers thrive,

still they are doomed to eternal destruction. But you, Yahweh,

will reign forever.

The righteous will flourish like the palm tree;

they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of Yahweh;

they flourish in the courts of our God.

They bear fruit even when they are old;

they stay fresh and green,

to proclaim that Yahweh is just.

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm 92:5-8, 12-15

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (page 5) Chief of Sinners Though I Be (page 6)





BIBLE BOOKS

OT Major Prophets

Isaiah

Summary Statement

Messages of judgment and comfort *Outline*

I. Words of Judgment (1-39)

II. Words of Comfort (40-66)

Key Verses

1:18; 6:8; 7:14; 53:5; 55:8-9

Daily Readings

Su	Isa 1:10-20	Isa 6:1-13
Mo	Isa 7:1-17	Isa 9:1-7
Tu	Isa 11:1-16	Isa 25:1-12
We	Isa 35:1-10	Isa 40:1-11
Th	Isa 42:1-9	Isa 44:6-17
Fr	Isa 49:1-7	Isa 53:1-12
Sa	Isa 55:1-13	Isa 61:1-11

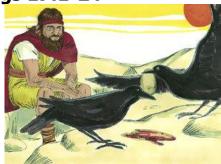


1 Kings 12:1-24



- a. What did the people of the northern tribes ask Rehoboam to do differently from his father, Solomon? (12:4)
- b. What did Rehoboam do with the advice of the old men? (12:8)
- c. What did Rehoboam tell the people he would punish them with? (12:11)
- d. What did Israel do when they heard Rehoboam's response? (12:16)

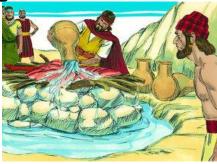
1 Kings 17:1-24 *



- a. What did Elijah say would not occur until he said so? (17:1)
- b. What brought bread and meat to Elijah during the famine? (17:6)
- c. What didn't happen to the widow's jar of meal and jug of oil? (17:16)
- d. What happened to the widow's dead son after Elijah stretched out on him and prayed to Yahweh? (17:22)

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

1 Kings 18:1-46 *



- a. Where did Elijah tell the prophets of Baal and Asherah to gather? (18:19)
- b. In Elijah's test, how would the true God make Himself known? (18:24)
- c. When Yahweh sent fire, what did the fire do to Elijah's offering? (18:38)
- d. What did Elijah's servant see the seventh time he looked toward the sea? (18:44)

1 Kings 21:1-29



- a. Who told King Ahab that she would obtain Naboth's vineyard? (21:7)
- b. What lie did the dishonest men tell about Naboth? (21:13)
- c. What did Ahab do as soon as he heard that Naboth was dead? (21:16)
- d. What did Elijah say would happen to Ahab because of his \sin ? (21:19)

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?



Confession & Absolution

What is confession?

Confession has two parts: first, that we confess our sins; second, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and that we in no way doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those of which we are unaware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you grieved anyone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done other harm?

Confession

165. What is the first part of Confession?

That we confess our sins

Psalm 32:5; 51:3-4; Luke 15:21

166. What do we consider as we confess our sins?

Our life according to the Ten Commandments

Romans 7:7

167. Which sins should we plead guilty of before God?

All sins, even those of which we are unaware

Psalm 19:12; Proverbs 28:13

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

168. Which sins should we confess before the confessor?

Only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts

Psalm 38:4

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6 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, everlasting God, grant us always to have a devout will towards You, and the desire to serve Your majesty with a pure heart. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, who justifies the ungodly, and who desires not the death of the sinner: We humbly implore Your Majesty, that You would graciously assist, by Your heavenly aid, and evermore shield with Your protection, Your servants who trust in Your mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from You, and, without ceasing, may serve You. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, give us grace that we may never presume to sin. But if at any time we offend Your Divine Majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offence, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, solely through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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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.**

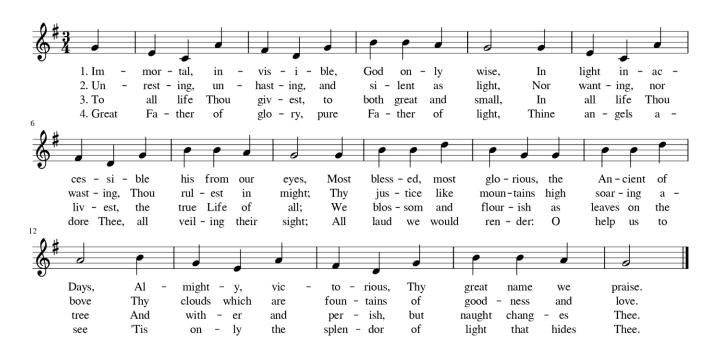
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