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November Week 1

Personal and Family Devotions ● Small Groups ● Church meetings

❶ 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.**

❷ Psalm

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas,
though its waters roar and rage,
and though the mountains tremble with their swelling.
There is a river whose streams make the city of God happy,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is in the middle of her; she will not be moved;
God will help her, and he will do so at the dawn of morning.
Be quiet and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted on the earth.

Psalm 46:1-5, 10

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.

❸ Hymns

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (page 5)
Spread the Reign of God the Lord (page 6)

❹ Lessons

BIBLE BOOKS
OT Minor Prophets

Hosea
Summary Statement
A prophet is told to marry an unfaithful wife
Outline
I. An Unfaithful Spouse (1-3)
II. An Unfaithful People (4-14)
Key Verses
11:1; 13:4

Joel
Summary Statement
A prophet sees God's judgment in a locust swarm
Outline
I. Invasion of Locusts (1)
II. Invasion of Armies (2-3)
Key Verses
2:28-29

Amos
Summary Statement
A southern shepherd speaks to the northern kingdom
Outline
I. Judgment for Neighboring Kingdoms (1-2)
II. Judgment for the Northern Kingdom (3-9)
Key Verses
5:24; 9:13

Daily Readings

Su	Hos 1:1-11	Hos 2:16-23
Mo	Hos 3:1-5	Hos 8:1-14
Tu	Hos 11:1-11	Hos 14:1-9
We	Jol 1:1-12	Jol 2:12-20,28-32
Th	Jol 3:1-16	Amo 2:6-16
Fr	Amo 4:6-13	Amo 6:1-14
Sa	Amo 7:1-17	Amo 8:1-14

BIBLE EVENTS
Exile & Return Era

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

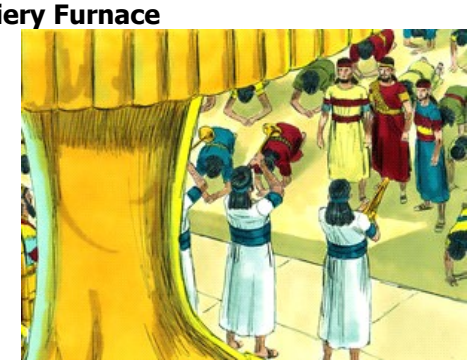
Daniel 1:1-21
The King's Food

a. What Babylonian names were given to Daniel and his three friends? (1:7)
b. What did Daniel intend in his mind not to do while in exile in Babylon? (1:8)
c. After ten days of eating only vegetables and water, how did Daniel and his friends look compared to all te young men? (1:15)
d. What special understanding did God give to Daniel? (1:17)

Daniel 2:1-49
Nebuchadnezzar's Vision

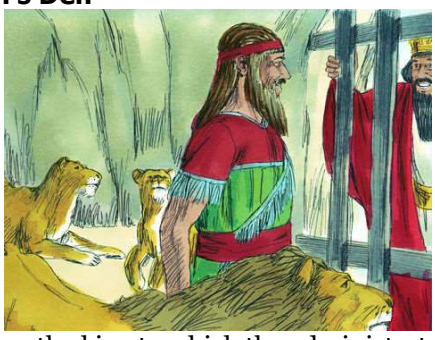
a. What did Nebuchadnezzar order to be done when no one could tell him his dream? (2:12)
b. What struck the statue on its feet in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, shattering them? (2:34)
c. Who did Daniel say the head of gold represented? (2:38)
d. What did Nebuchadnezzar make Daniel after hearing his interpretation? (2:48)

Daniel 3:1-30 ★
The Fiery Furnace



a. What were all the people commanded to fall down and worship when they heard the music playing? (3:5)
b. What was the punishment for refusing to obey Nebuchadnezzar's command? (3:6)
c. What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to do? (3:18)
d. Who did Nebuchadnezzar see with three men walking around in the fire? (3:25)

Daniel 6:1-28 ★
The Lion's Den



a. Who was the king to which the administrators and governors brought their plan? (6:6)
b. Who did the administrators suggest should be thrown into the den of lions? (6:7)
c. Who did Darius ask to rescue Daniel from the lion's den? (6:16)
d. Who did God send to shut the mouths of the lions and protect Daniel? (6:22)

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

Lord's Prayer

Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?
The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?
When God breaks and hinders every evil plan and intention which do not want to let us hallow the name of God or to let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh; and when He strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until our end. This is His gracious and good will.

Third Petition

121. What is God's will?
A. That we teach God's Word correctly
B. That we live according to God's Word
C. That all people are saved through faith in Jesus

A – Jeremiah 23:28; B – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3; 1 Peter 2:15; C – John 6:40; 1 Timothy 2:3-4

122. Why do we say, "on earth as it is in heaven?"
We pray to be like the angels who are always doing God's will

Psalm 103:20

123. What is the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh?
A. The devil wants us to doubt God's Word
B. The world wants us to ignore God's Word
C. Our flesh wants to disobey God's Word

A – Genesis 3:1; B – Luke 8:14; 1 John 2:15-16; C – Romans 7:19-25; Galatians 5:17-21

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

124. According to the Third Petition, how is God's will done?
A. When God breaks and hinders every evil plan and intention
B. When God strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith until our end

A – Psalm 17:13-14; John 16:33; Romans 16:20; 1 John 3:8; B – 1 Peter 1:5; 5:10

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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 **C**onfess your sins, **H**onor and praise God, **A**sk Him your requests, and **T**hank Him for His blessings.*

Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary does continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us, we ask You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, grant Your people strength to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and Ever-living God, who makes us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto Your Divine Majesty: Let Your fatherly hand ever be over us. Let Your Holy Spirit ever be with us, and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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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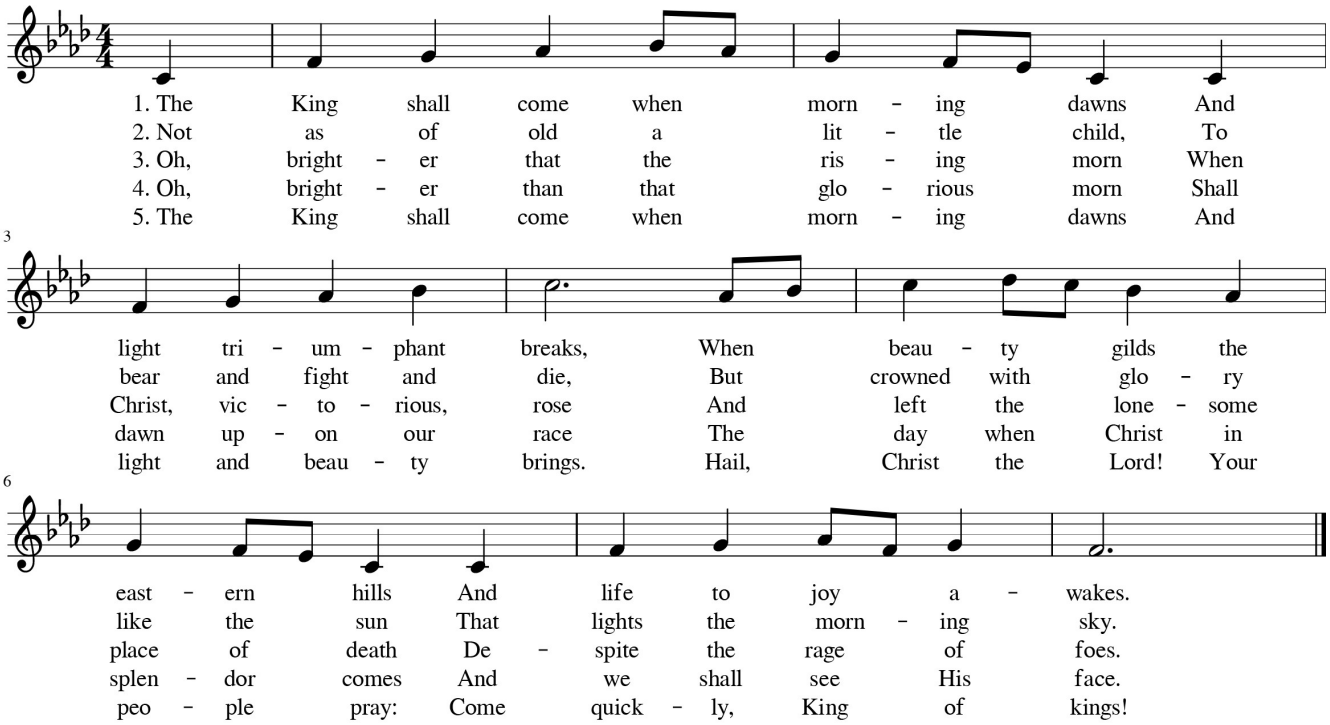

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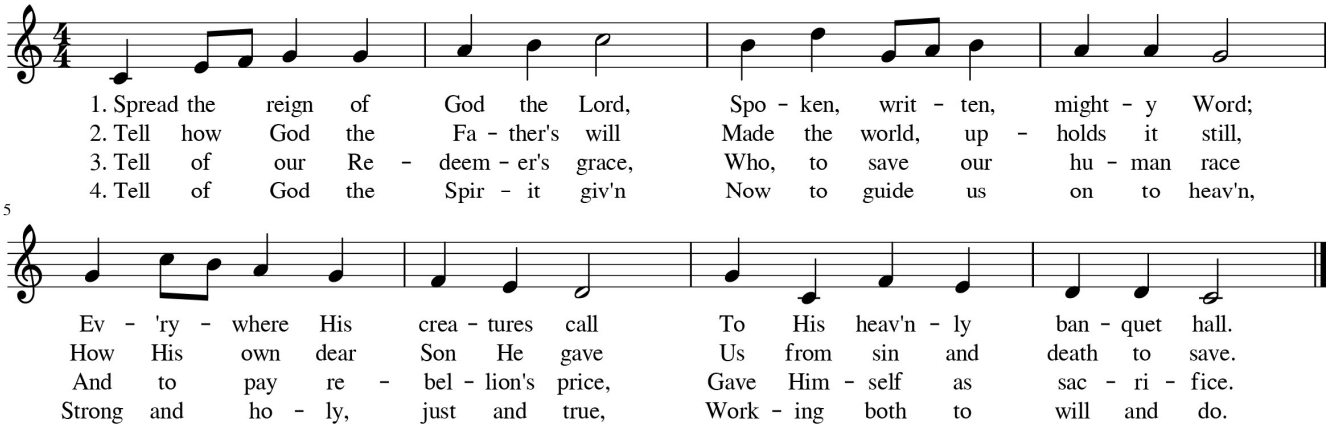

5. Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

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.