



**August  
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

Yahweh, you have showed favor to your land;  
**you have restored the well-being of Jacob.**  
You have forgiven the sin of your people;  
**you have covered all their sin.**  
Show us your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh,  
**grant us your salvation.**  
I will listen to what Yahweh God says, for he will make  
peace with his people, his faithful followers.  
**Yet they must not turn again to foolish ways.**  
Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him;  
**then glory will remain in our land.**  
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness have met  
together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each  
other.**

*Psalm 85:1-2, 7-10*

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.**

## 3 Hymns

**Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**  
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**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest** (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

OT History Books (Part 2)

### Ezra

*Summary Statement*

**Jews return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple**

*Outline*

**I. Rebuilding the Temple (1-6)**

**II. Reforming the People (7-10)**

*Key Verses*

**3:12-13; 7:10; 9:6**

### Nehemiah

*Summary Statement*

**A Jewish man returns to rebuild Jerusalem's wall**

*Outline*

**I. Wall Construction (1-6)**

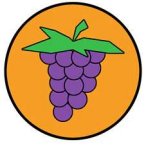
**II. Heart Instruction (7-13)**

*Key Verses*

**4:17; 8:8**

### Daily Readings

<b>Su</b>	Ezr 2:1,64-70	Ezr 4:1-6,17-24
<b>Mo</b>	Ezr 5:1-17	Ezr 6:1-15
<b>Tu</b>	Ezr 8:15-20	Ezr 8:24-36
<b>We</b>	Ezr 10:6-17	Neh 1:1-11
<b>Th</b>	Neh 5:1-13	Neh 6:1-14
<b>Fr</b>	Neh 6:15-7:3	Neh 8:1-12
<b>Sa</b>	Neh 9:1-3,32-38	Neh 13:1-9,23-31

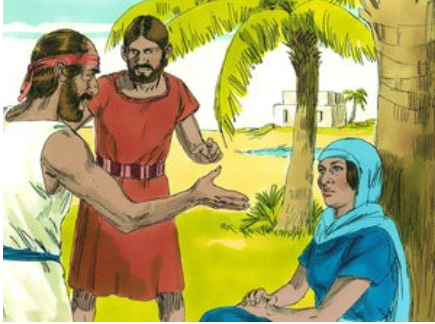


## BIBLE EVENTS

Promised Land Era

### Judges 4:1-24

Deborah and Barak



- Where did Deborah sit as she judged Israel? (4:5)
- What was the only way Barak would agree to battle Jabin and Sisera? (4:8)
- Where did Sisera run away to? (4:17)
- How did Jael end Sisera's life? (4:21)

### Judges 7:1-25 ★

Gideon's Small Army



- Which of the 32,000 men in Gideon's army were asked to leave first? (7:3)
- How many of Gideon's men lapped the water and were told to remain in Gideon's army? (7:6)
- In a man's dream, what did he see tumbling into Midian's camp and bringing down the tent? (7:13)
- What did the Midianite army do when they heard the trumpets and the shouting of Gideon's army? (7:21)

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

### Judges 14:1-20

Samson and the Philistines



- Who was the woman that Samson wanted to be his wife? (14:2)
- What did Samson find in the lion carcass that he killed earlier? (14:8)
- Who was persuaded to learn the answer to Samson's riddle and reveal it? (14:15)
- Where did Samson get the garments to pay for the bet he had made? (14:19)

### Judges 16:1-31 ★

Samson's Death



- What did Delilah ask Samson to reveal to her? (16:6)
- What did Samson reveal would cause his strength to leave? (16:17)
- What did the Philistines do to Samson after capturing him? (16:21)
- What happened when Yahweh strengthened Samson to lean on the pillars of the Philistine temple? (16:29-30)

**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 Lord's Prayer

#### Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

*What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and there in eternity.

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

#### 120. How is the Second Petition a prayer for missions?

We pray that all people might be converted and mature in the Christian faith

*John 10:16; Ephesians 1:18*

### Second Petition

#### 117. What three kingdoms does God rule over?

- A. Kingdom of power (all of creation)
- B. Kingdom of grace (church on earth)
- C. Kingdom of glory (church in heaven)

*A – Psalm 103:19; B – Matthew 9:38; John 3:5; Colossians 1:13-14; C – Philippians 3:20; 2 Timothy 4:18*

#### 118. According to the Second Petition, what does our Heavenly Father give us?

His Holy Spirit

*John 18:36; Romans 5:5; 14:17; 1 Corinthians 12:3*

#### 119. According to the Second Petition, why does our Heavenly Father give us the Holy Spirit?

- A. So that we believe His holy Word
- B. So we lead a godly life here in time and there in eternity

*A – John 8:31-32; John 10:16; B – 2 Corinthians 5:15-17; Galatians 2:20*

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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.*



Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and be saved by Your mighty deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O Lord God, heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing, and that, left to ourselves, we die and perish in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. But we pray that You would grant us Your grace and mercy, and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that being regenerate we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in baptism, and that we may daily increase in Christian love and in other good works, until we at last obtain eternal salvation. 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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## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still! Oh,  
 2. Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere; Let  
 3. As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep; And  
 4. Make me to walk in Thy commands; 'Tis a de - light - ful road; Nor

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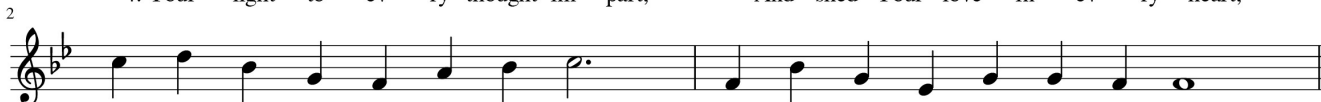
that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 let my head of heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.



## Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,	And make our hearts your place of rest;
2. To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry,	To You, the gift of God Most High;
3. In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold,	We God's al - might - y hand be - hold
4. Your light to ev' - ry thought im - part,	And shed Your love in ev' - ry heart;



Come with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid,	And fill the hearts which You have made.
The fount of life, the fire of love,	The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
While You with tongues of fire pro - claim	To all the world His ho - ly name.
The weak - ness of our mor - tal state	With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5. Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

7. Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

6. Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.