

MORNING PRAYER

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Each person dips their finger in water, making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead.

_____, receive the sign of the cross to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the morning, O LORD **I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**

My mouth is filled with your praise. **and with Your glory all the day.**

O LORD, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

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.

HYMN / SONG

Sing together a seasonal hymn, a favorite song, or use Our Shepherd's online playlist.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read a Psalm together, a passage from the Gospels, or another appointed reading.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Listen to a sermon, read a devotion, or watch a Catechism lesson on YouTube.

APOSTLES' CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pray together for family, friends, community, nation, world, leaders, and all those in need.

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 every evil, that all my doings 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.

CLOSING HYMN / SONG

BLESSING Let us bless the LORD. Thanks be to God!

Now go joyfully about your day.

EVENING PRAYER

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Light a candle in remembrance of the candle that was lit at your Baptism.

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. **The light no darkness can overcome.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let my prayer rise up as incense, **the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

Stay with us, LORD, for it is evening, **and the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness, **and shine on your people here.**

HYMN / SONG

Sing together a seasonal hymn, a favorite song, or use Our Shepherd's online playlist.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read a Psalm together, a passage from the Gospels, or another appointed reading.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Use the reflection questions attached to discuss what God has taught you in His Word today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have each person gathered pray for a person who is present and a person who is distant.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN / SONG

BLESSING

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, **and defend us from all dangers this night.**

The LORD almighty grant us a quiet night **and peace at the last. Amen.**

Rest this night in good cheer.

RESOURCES FOR WORSHIP IN YOUR HOME

APOSTLES' 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SUGGESTED PSALMS & GOSPEL READINGS

Psalm 1	Psalm 23	Psalm 46	Psalm 51	Psalm 86	Psalm 118	
Matthew 5	Mark 4	Matthew 8	John 9	Luke 15	Mark 15	John 20

FOR REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD

What does this Scripture teach us about God's character?

What does this Scripture teach us about our human nature and need for a Savior?

What does this Scripture teach about what Jesus has done, is doing, or will do for you?

What other Bible stories, Bible characters, or Bible verses does this Scripture remind you of?

Who do you know that could be encouraged by this Scripture? How can you share God's Good News and promises with them this week?

SONGS FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

Many hymns, lyrics and songs are available or recorded online.

Listen to Our Shepherd's Contemporary Worship playlist at: bit.ly/oslcworship

SERMONS & CATECHISM TEACHINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Listen to Our Shepherd's Sermon archive at ourshepherd.org/worship/sermon-archive/

Watch a lesson on Luther's Small Catechism at YouTube.com/OurShepherdLutheranChurch

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORSHIPPING AT HOME WITH CHILDREN

Take turns reading and being the worship "leader."

Use an appropriate children's Bible for Scripture readings.

Take turns choosing songs. For young children, make home-made instruments to play.

Worship in different locations around the house: around the table, in the living room, in a bedroom while being tucked in at night, outside in the yard or on the porch, or in the car.

After reading Scripture, let children act out the story. Dress up or use props for more fun!

For prayer, have everyone write down a prayer request on scraps of paper throughout the day. Then draw them out and pray for each other's requests during family worship.

Choose a bowl or plastic bin to be a Baptismal font. Help each other remember your Baptism by dipping your fingers in the water and making the sign of the cross.

Build a make-shift altar however your child imagines it. If safe, light candles next to the altar and place a Bible on top.

Keep an "offering" collection jar or bowl in your house. Choose a different charity or church fund to give these offerings to each month.

Whenever an allowance is given or a paycheck cashed, parents and children can model giving for each other by placing a portion of that income in the collection.

For a daily offering, give young children four coins, instructing them that they can keep three, but always give one to the offering collection.

FAMILY DEVOTION IDEAS & RESOURCES

For additional ideas and resources for sharing worship and devotions as a family, visit ourshepherd.org/grow/children/ to download our Family Discipleship packet.