

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Third & Fourth Weeks in Advent: Dec 11 - Dec 24, 2022



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Bible Verse

3rd gr.+ Beloved, we are God's children now,
And what we will be has not yet appeared;
But we know that when He appears we shall be like Him,
Because we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

The Lord's Prayer

PreK+ Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

1st gr+ With these words God tenderly invites us to believe
that He is our true Father
and that we are His true children,
so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him
as dear children ask their dear father.

PreK+ 1. Hallowed it be Thy name.

What does this mean?

2nd gr+ God's name is certainly holy in itself,
but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also

How is God's name kept holy?

3rd gr+ God's name it kept holy
when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity,
and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it.
Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven!
But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word
profanes the name of God among us.
Protect us from this, heavenly Father!



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, & for our teachers &
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands & wives, parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word
- Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, our missionaries, all who serve and volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick & dying

Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Sun. Dec. 18 - The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 - A New Prophet Like Moses

Philippians 4:4-7 - Rejoice in the Lord Always

John 1:19-28 - The Testimony of John the Baptist



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Advent IV- "When All the World Was Cursed" (*LSB* 346)

School Hymn of the Month (Dec.): "From Heaven Above" (*LSB* 358)

School Year Theme Hymn: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (*LSB* 594)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Recite - the Apostles' Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Luther's Morning & Evening Prayers

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

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