THE FAMILY ALTAR
January 10 - 16, A.D. 2021

MORNING

Luther’s Morning Prayer:

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.
Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

EVENING

Luther’s Evening Prayer:
In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

DEVOTION ON THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Friday: Luke 21:5-28
Saturday: Catch-up on earlier readings –or- Read “The Upcoming Sunday”

The Upcoming Sunday

This coming Sunday is the second Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord. In our Scripture lessons, we are going to hear our Savior call, as He calls people to listen to Him, to follow Him, and to live in a way that glorifies Him.

Our Lord’s call is always a gracious call: He chose us, we did not choose Him. We were unworthy sinners, but He redeemed us and cleansed us.

Our Lord’s call is also always a powerful call: His Words themselves actually convert people from unbelief to faith, from sin to repentance. His Words of invitation, “Follow me!”, actually give us the strength to follow Him.
Memorization

The LORD came and stood there and called
as he had the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”
Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”
(1 Samuel 3:10)

Hymn

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Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

1 Speak, O Savior; I am lis’tning. As a serv-ant
2 Oh, what bless-ing to be near you And to lis-ten
3 Lord, your words are wa-ters liv-ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je-sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re-spect and hon-or or
3 thirst-y needs. Lord, your words are bread life-giv-ing;
3 me take root. May your Spir-it e’er be near me
3

To your ho-ly, pre-cious Word, That each day, my
2 Let your Word still be my choice. Man-y hard-ened
3 On your words my spir-it feeds. Lord, your words will
3 That I bear a bun-dant fruit. May I dai-ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol-low
3 sin-ners, Lord, Flee in ter-ror at your
3 be my light Through death’s cold and drear- y
3 sing your praise, From my heart glad an-thems
3

you, Let your Word e’er be my plea-sure
3 Word, But to all who feel sin’s bur-den
3 night; Yes, they are my sword pre-vail-ing
3 raise, Till my high-est praise is giv-en
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And my heart’s most pre-cious trea-sure.
You give peace and words of par-don.
And my cup of joy un-fail-ing.
In the end-less joy of heav-en.

Tune: WURZER MANGER (87 87 77 86) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.