THE FAMILY ALTAR
January 17 - 23, 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

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The Upcoming Sunday

This coming Sunday is the third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord. Throughout the Epiphany season, we see the glory of our Savior revealed to us. We also grow in faith and godly living as we follow him in his Word.

There will undoubtedly be sacrifices in this life of following Jesus. There will be possessions and ways of life and even people that will need to be left behind. Yet, the kingdom of God is near! How blessed are those who receive the kingdom in Jesus.
Memorization

“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.” (1 Samuel 3:10)

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
   Flee the world which would deceive us,
   And to sin our souls allure. Ever in his
   Sun shine follow on the storm. Though we sow in
   And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter,
   Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
   Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me.
   Savior, lead; I follow thee.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e’er conform;
   Heaven’s glory soon will please us,
   Ever in his
   Sun shine follow on the storm. Though we sow in
   And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter,
   Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
   Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me.
   Savior, lead; I follow thee.

3 Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
   From our soul’s destruction, frees us,
   And to sin our souls allure. Ever in his
   Sun shine follow on the storm. Though we sow in
   And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter,
   Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
   Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me.
   Savior, lead; I follow thee.

4 Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he’s risen from the dead,
   Death and grave must soon release us,
   Ever in his
   Sun shine follow on the storm. Though we sow in
   And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter,
   Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
   Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me.
   Savior, lead; I follow thee.

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