



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

Hear, Yahweh, my voice when I cry out!
Have mercy on me, and answer me!
Do not hide your face from me;
do not turn your servant away in anger!
You have been my helper;
do not forsake me or abandon me, God of my salvation!
Even if my father and my mother forsake me,
Yahweh will take me in.
What would have happened to me
if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living?
Wait for Yahweh; be strong, and let your heart be courageous!
Wait for Yahweh!

Psalm 27:7, 9-10, 13-14

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

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4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
Gospels of Jesus Christ

Matthew

Summary Statement

The life of Jesus, the promised king

Outline

- I. The Promised King's Coming (1-4)**
- II. The Promised King's Campaign (5-19)**
- III. The Promised King's Coronation (20-28)**

Key Verses

5:16; 7:7; 11:28-30; 18:20; 28:19-20

Daily Readings

Su	2:13-23	5:13-20
Mo	5:38-48	6:1-15
Tu	7:1-12	7:13-23
We	9:27-38	11:1-15
Th	12:38-45	13:44-52
Fr	17:24-27	25:1-13
Sa	26:57-68	28:16-20



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Early Life

John 1:1-18

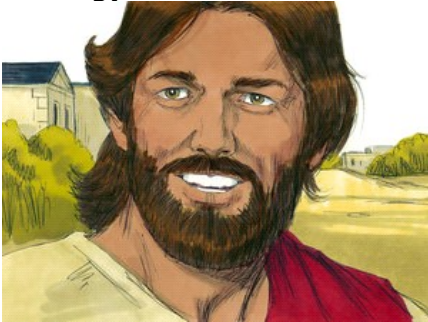
The Word



- What was the Word's relationship with God in the beginning? (1:1)
- To those who received the Word, what were they given the right to become? (1:12)
- What did the Word become to live among us? (1:14)
- Moses gave the law, but what was realized through Jesus Christ? (1:17)

Matthew 1:1-17

Jesus' Genealogy



- Who were two key Old Testament men in Jesus' genealogy? (1:1)
- Who are four women that appear early in Jesus' genealogy? (1:3-6)
- Who was the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born? (1:16)
- How many generations were in each division of Jesus' genealogy? (1:17)

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

Luke 1:5-25 ★

Gabriel Visits Zechariah



- What was Zechariah? (1:5)
- Why did Zechariah and Elizabeth have no children? (1:7)
- Who appeared to Zechariah on the right side of the altar of incense? (1:11)
- What was Zechariah to name his child? (1:13)
- What was Zechariah's punishment for not believing the angel's words? (1:20)

Luke 1:26-38 ★

Gabriel Visits Mary



- Where was Gabriel sent by God to visit Mary? (1:26)
- What was Mary to name her son? (1:31)
- How long would Mary's son rule over Jacob's house? (1:33)
- Why was Mary curious how she could have a baby? (1:34)
- Because of the Holy Spirit's role in Jesus' conception, what would Mary's son be called? (1:35)

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BIBLE TEACHINGS

The Creed, Second Article

Second Article: Of Redemption

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, in order that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Jesus Christ

73. What do the names Jesus and Christ mean?

- A. Jesus means “the Lord saves”
- B. Christ (or Messiah) means “Anointed One”

A – Matthew 1:21; John 4:42; Acts 4:12; B – Psalm 45:7; Acts 10:38

74. List the two natures of Jesus Christ.

- A. True God (see Question 89, Unit 12/Week 1)
- B. True man

A – John 20:28; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 5:20; B – Matthew 4:2; Luke 24:39; John 11:35; 1 Timothy 2:5; 3:16

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

75. Why did Jesus need to be both God and man?

- A. As true man, Jesus was accountable to the Law and able to suffer and die
- B. As true God, Jesus was able to keep the Law and die for all people

A – Romans 5:19; Galatians 4:4-5; Colossians 1:22; Hebrews 2:14; B – Mark 10:45; Romans 3:22-24; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Peter 1:18-19

76. How did Jesus Christ fulfill the offices of prophet, priest, and king?

- A. As Prophet, Jesus declared God’s Word
- B. As Priest, Jesus offered the perfect sacrifice for us and intercedes for us
- C. As King, Jesus is victorious in battle and rules over all things for the good of the church

A – Deuteronomy 18:15; Matthew 17:5; Mark 16:15; John 6:68; Hebrews 1:1-2; B – John 1:29; Hebrews 7:26-27; 1 John 2:1-2; C – 1 Samuel 8:20; Matthew 28:18; John 18:36-37; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14

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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.



O Lord, pour forth Your grace into our hearts that, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel, so by His cross and Passion we may be brought into the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O almighty God, of Your great mercy You caused Your Son to be conceived by the Holy Spirit, and to become incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary according to the angel's annunciation. Grant us by Your grace, that our sinful conception may be purified by His holy conception. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that of Your mercy and compassion You caused Your Son to become incarnate, and through Him redeemed us from sin and everlasting death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace, and comfort ourselves thereby in all tribulation and temptation, and 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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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
 4. O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law In
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save, And
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And



til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us in her ways to go.
 cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Refrain



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.



From Heaven Above To Earth I Come



1. "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good news to ev - 'ry home; Glad
 2. "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y, cho - sen vir - gin mild; This
 3. "This is the Christ, our God Most Hight, Who hears your sad and bit - ter cry; He
 4. "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by God for all be - low, That
 5. "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad - dling clothes and man - ger dark. There



5
 tid - ings of great joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 lit - tle child of low - ly birth Shall be the joy of al the earth.
 will Him - self your Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 in His king - dom, bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.
 you will find the in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6. How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 To see what God for us has done
 In sending us His own dear Son.

7. Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 And see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christ Child lying there.

8. Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 Through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery
 That You might share Your joy with me.

9. Ah, Lord, though You created all,
 How weak You are, so poor and small,
 That You should choose to lay Your head
 Where lowly cattle lately fed!

10. Were earth a thousand times as fair
 And set with gold and jewels rare,
 It would be far too poor and small
 A cradle for the Lord of all.

11. Instead of soft and silken stuff
 You have but hay and straw so rough
 On which as King, so rich and great,
 To be enthroned in royal state.

12. And so it pleases You to see
 This simple truth revealed to me:
 That worldly honor, wealth, and might
 Are weak and worthless in Your sight.

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
 Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
 A quiet chamber set apart
 For You to dwell within my heart.

14. My heart for very joy must leap;
 My lips no more can silence keep.
 I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
 That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

15. Glory to God in highest heav'n,
 Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
 While angels sing with pious mirth
 A glad new year to all the earth.