

Beginning of the Day

1. Turn to page 295 in the hymnal. The portions in regular type will be led by the head of the household. The portions in bold type will be spoken by everyone else.
2. The service begins with the Invocation. All participants are encouraged to make the sign of the cross as a reminder of God choosing of them in Holy Baptism. The sign of the cross is made by touching the forehead, then the heart, then the right shoulder, and then the left shoulder using your right hand.
3. Continue with the spoken responses.
4. The hymn suggested for the week in the chart on this inside of this resource should be sung next. While singing is suggested, if you feel you cannot, read the lyrics of the hymn aloud.
5. Read a Psalm. Begin with Psalm 1 and continue with the next each day. Long Psalms may need to be divided.
6. In place of the suggested readings listed in the hymnal, we suggest the reading of one book of the bible, concentrating on the Gospels. An order for reading has been suggested on the inside of this resource.
7. Next, learn the memorization for the week suggested on the chart. The Catechism is found on page 321 in the hymnal. The leader starts by saying a short piece of the text and then the others repeat. As you go back through, increase the length of the pieces. Use the same method for the bible verse suggested.
8. Turn back to page 295. Speak the Apostles' Creed found on the inside of the back cover of the hymnal.
9. Pray the Lord Prayer also found on the inside of the back cover.
10. Next, a prayer may be led by the head of the household or by each member that wishes to pray. Prayers need not be long or eloquent. Simply speak to your Father who is in heaven.
11. The head of the household leads the concluding prayer as printed.
12. Everyone joins in the morning prayer print in bold. We end with the responses which give thanks to God.

Close of the Day

1. Turn to page 298 in the hymnal. The portions in regular type will be led by the head of the household. The portions in bold type will be spoken by everyone.
2. The service begins with the Invocation. All participants are encouraged to make the sign of the cross as a reminder of God choosing of them in Holy Baptism. The sign of the cross is made by touching the forehead, then the heart, then the right shoulder, and then the left shoulder using your right hand.
3. If you wish, one person may light a candle.
4. Continue with the spoken responses.
5. The hymn suggested for the week in the chart on this inside of this resource should be sung next. While singing is suggested, if you feel you cannot, read the lyrics of the hymn aloud.
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9. Turn back to page 298. Speak the Apostles' Creed found on the inside of the back cover of the hymnal.
10. Speak together the section that begins "Lord, now You Let."
11. Pray the Lord Prayer also found on the inside of the back cover.
12. Next, a prayer may be led by the head of the household or by each member that wishes to pray. Prayers need not be long or eloquent. Simply speak to your Father who is in heaven.
13. The head of the household leads the concluding prayer as printed.
14. Everyone joins in the evening prayer print in bold. We end with the responses which give thanks to God.



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A Simple Approach to Daily Devotions

Why do daily devotions?

The Scriptures make it very clear that parents are to teach the faith to their children. Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

How are we to approach this task?

Our faith should be evident to our children as they watch us, talk to us, and play with us. However, regular time must also be set aside daily specifically aimed at passing along the faith to them. Is this time, we read together, pray together, memorize together, and sing together.

Why this resource?

This short resource is intended to make leading devotions as easy as possible. With this, your Bible, and Lutheran Service Book, you are ready to start.

Who should lead these devotions?

The head of the household should lead these devotions. The husband in the family will take the lead. If he is not present or willing, the mother or another relative should take the initiative. Daily Prayer is essential to a Christian's life.

What should I do first?

First, you will need to choose a time of the day to do devotions that works best for your family. We suggest at the beginning or end of the day. Guard this time.

What now?

Get out your bible, your hymnal and review the chart inside this resource. Then go to the back of this resource for step by step instructions. Start the habit of daily prayer today. Whenever you start, start with week one on the chart.

What happens when I forget?

Confess your sins to Jesus, receive His forgiveness, and He will raise you up to walk in newness of life as you return to your habit of daily prayer. You may also find someone you trust and ask them to encourage you in this habit.

Memory Work and Hymns Chart

<u>Week #</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism Memory Work</u>	<u>Bible Verse(s)</u>
Week 1	507	1st Commandment and meaning	Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Week 2	549	2nd Commandment and meaning	Psalm 103:1
Week 3	915	3rd Commandment and meaning	Hebrews 10:24-25
Week 4	862	4th Commandment and meaning	Titus 3:1
Week 5	842	5th Commandment and meaning	Psalm 139:13-14
Week 6	858	6th Commandment and meaning	Matt 19:4-6
Week 7	732	7th Commandment and meaning	1 John 3:17
Week 8	783	8th Commandment and meaning	Ephesians 4:15
Week 9	711	9th Commandment and meaning	Luke 12:15
Week 10	712	10th Commandment and meaning	1 Timothy 6:6-7
Week 11	579	Close of Commandments	Isaiah 42:8
Week 12	744	Meaning of Close of Com.	Romans 6:23
Week 13	578	1st Article and paragraph 1	Psalm 33:8-9
Week 14	790	1st Article and paragraph 2	Psalm 145:15-16
Week 15	725	1st Article and whole meaning	Psalm 19:1
Week 16	425	2nd Article and paragraph 1	Romans 5:8
Week 17	457	2nd Article and paragraph 2	Romans 10:9-10
Week 18	861	2nd Article and whole meaning	Acts 4:11-12
Week 19	496	3rd Article and paragraph 1	1 Corinthians 12:3
Week 20	677	3rd Article and paragraph 2	Romans 10:17
Week 21	644	3rd Article and whole meaning	Psalm 51:10
Week 22	605	Introduction of Lord's Prayer and meaning	1 John 3:1
Week 23	940	1st Petition and meaning	Exodus 3:15
Week 24	651	2nd Petition and meaning	Mark 1:15
Week 25	718	3rd Petition and meaning	John 6:40
Week 26	805	4th Petition and meaning	Proverbs 30:8-9
Week 27	845	5th Petition and meaning	Ephesians 4:32
Week 28	424	6th Petition and meaning	Mark 14:38
Week 29	656	7th Petition and meaning	Psalm 121:7-8
Week 30	506	Conclusion and meaning	Psalm 50:15
Week 31	590	Baptism - 1st	Acts 2:38-39
Week 32	594	Baptism - 2nd	John 3:5
Week 33	596	Baptism - 3rd	Galatians 3:26-27
Week 34	685	Baptism - 4th	Luke 9:23
Week 35	611	What is Confession?	Psalm 51:1
Week 36	580	What sins should we confess?	Psalm 19:12
Week 37	608	Which are these?	Psalm 32:5
Week 38	602	What is the Office of the Keys?	John 20:22-23
Week 39	609	Where is this written?	1 Corinthians 4:1
Week 40	682	What do you believe according to...	Ephesians 2:8-9

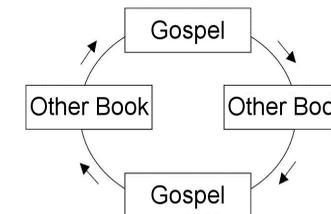
Memory Work and Hymns Chart (continued)

<u>Week #</u>	<u>Hymn</u>	<u>Catechism Memory Work</u>	<u>Bible Verse(s)</u>
Week 41	629	What is the Sacrament of the Altar	1 Corinthians 10:16
Week 42	620	Where is this written?	Acts 2:42
Week 43	618	What is the benefit of this eating and...	1 Peter 1:18-19
Week 44	625	How can bodily eating and drinking do...	1 Corinthians 11:26
Week 45	621	Who receives this sacrament worthily?	1 Corinthians 11:27
Week 46	655	Christian Questions with their Answers	Romans 3:20
Week 47	461	Christian Questions with their Answers	Romans 4:25
Week 48	588	Christian Questions with their Answers	Matthew 10:32-33
Week 49	537	Christian Questions with their Answers	Psalm 103:8
Week 50	740	Christian Questions with their Answers	John 3:16-17
Week 51	849	Christian Questions with their Answers	Isaiah 43:1
Week 52	770	Christian Questions with their Answers	Jeremiah 31:3

In the final seven weeks, work on Christian Questions with their Answers at the pace that seems best for you.

Suggestions for Bible Reading

It is suggested that families read through one book of the Bible at a time. A portion is read each day. The length of the portion should be based on the age and abilities of your family. Since the Gospels are central to our faith, we suggest reading one Gospel, then another book in the list below, and then returning to another Gospel. Continue this cycle. The Lutheran Study Bible has notes which you will find helpful for understanding.



Gospels

Matthew – Mark – Luke – John

Other books we suggest due to importance and being easier to understand.

Genesis – Exodus – Deuteronomy – Joshua – Judges – 1 and 2 Samuel -, 1 and 2 Kings – Ezra - Nehemiah – Proverbs – Isaiah – Jeremiah – Acts – Romans – 1 and 2 Corinthians – Galatians - Ephesians - Philippians – Colossians - 1 and 2 Thessalonians - 1 and 2 Timothy - James - 1 and 2 Peter - 1 John

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