

- **Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism**

Morning

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.

Evening

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.

- **Hymn**

Morning Hymns: p. 868-876 Evening Hymns: p. 877-891

p. 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

1. *"Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over."*

2. *Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeeds;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever springing gladness.*

3. *Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.*

4. *Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.*

Commemorations and Feasts (LSB xi-xiii)

Lucia (Martyr), Dec. 13; Daniel and the Three Young Men, Dec. 17

Readings for Rorate Coeli, the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Philippians 4:4-7; St. John 1:19-28



Daily Prayer Guide

The Week of Gaudete, the Third Sunday in Advent

December 12-18, 2021

Emmaus Lutheran Church, 2175 SW Salmon Ave., Redmond, OR 97756

Say the parts of the catechism out loud in your daily devotions, or use the following order:

- **Invocation**

Make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- **Apostles' 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.

3. Memory Verse

13. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. **Psalm 139:13-14**

4. Catechism or 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 your mother.
- 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, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does God say about all these commandments? He says, I the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

The First Article of the Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals,**

and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

5. Psalm

Sun: Ps. 108 Mon. Ps. 109 Tue. Ps. 110 Wed. Ps. 111 Th. Ps. 112 Fri. Ps. 113 Sat. Ps. 114

6. Readings from Holy Scripture

Three-year Bible reading plan: (Advent Prophecies)

Sun.: Sunday's Readings Mon. Is. 2:1-5 Tues. Is. 24:21-25:5 Wed. Is. 25:6-10; 26:1-21 Thrs.: Is. 51:1-16 Fri.: Is. 52:1-12 Sat.: Sunday's Readings

Readings for catechumens and families

Sun: Sunday's Readings Mon: 2 Chr. 34:1-28 Tue.: Jer. 1:1-19 Wed.: 2 Chronicles 34:29-33 Thrs.: 2 Chr. 35:1-27 Fri: Jer. 37:1-21 Sat.: Sunday's Readings

7. Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8. Daily Themes for Prayer

Sunday: *For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for the faithful preaching and hearing of the Word of God; for the fruit of faith to be brought forth among us, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments.*

Monday: *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for our vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our public schools; for our Synod's schools; for those being homeschooled in our congregations; for good government and peace.*

Tuesday: *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the tortured and oppressed; for the addicted and despairing; for those struggling with sin.*

Wednesday: *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children may live together in harmony according to the order of God's Word; for parents who must raise their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ's Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

Friday: *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of the knowledge of Him and His cross throughout the world, especially in this place; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.*

Saturday: *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or who have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ's gifts; for receptive hearts and minds to receive His Word on the Lord's Day.*

In our prayers at Emmaus

Joyce, friend of John and Barbara Hesner, coma (12/5/21)

Char LaForest, awaiting cataract and heart surgery (11/28/21)

Ken Haase, recovering from surgery (11/21/21)

Terry Hurd, knee surgery (11/21/21)

Jeannine Brown, mother of Jenny Beal, cancer (11/21/21)

Larry Eggert, friend of John and Barbara Hesner, starting cancer treatment (11/4/21)

Birthdays: Keith Freeman (Dec. 12), Tadeusc Holscher (Dec. 14)

David, Cheri, Garrett, and Martin Herr

9. The 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.