



February  
Week 2

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

Yahweh is my shepherd;  
**I will lack nothing.**  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
**he leads me beside tranquil water.**  
He brings back my life;  
**he guides me along right paths for his name's sake.**  
Even though I walk through a valley of darkest shadow,  
**I will not fear harm**  
since you are with me;  
**your rod and your staff comfort me.**  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**you have anointed my head with oil; my cup runs over.**  
Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me  
all the days of my life;  
**and I will live in the house of Yahweh for a very long time!**

*Psalm 23:1-6*

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

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb** (page 5)  
**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

Church Letters

### Ephesians

*Summary Statement*

**Paul writes about our position in Christ**

*Outline*

**I. Receiving God's Blessing (1-3)**

**II. Being God's Blessing (4-6)**

*Key Verses*

**1:3; 2:8-9; 3:20-21; 4:11-12; 6:11**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	Eph 1:1-14	Eph 1:15-23
<b>Mo</b>	Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:11-22
<b>Tu</b>	Eph 3:1-13	Eph 3:14-21
<b>We</b>	Eph 4:1-16	Eph 4:17-32
<b>Th</b>	Eph 5:1-16	Eph 5:17-33
<b>Fr</b>	Eph 6:1-4	Eph 6:5-9
<b>Sa</b>	Eph 6:10-20	Eph 6:21-24



## BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Teachings

### Matthew 13:24-43

The Weeds in the Field



- a. What was sown among the landowner's wheat? (13:25)
- b. Who did the landowner tell his servants was responsible? (13:28)
- c. Why did the landowner instruct his servants not to pull up the weeds? (13:29)
- d. What would be done to the weeds that were bundled? (13:30)

### Matthew 18:21-35 ★

The Unmerciful Servant



- a. How many times did Jesus tell Peter to forgive someone? (18:22)
- b. What did the master of the servant do with his large debt? (18:27)
- c. What did the servant do to the one who owed him a small debt? (18:30)
- d. What did the master who had mercy on the servant expect him to act toward his fellow servant? (18:33)

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

### John 10:1-21

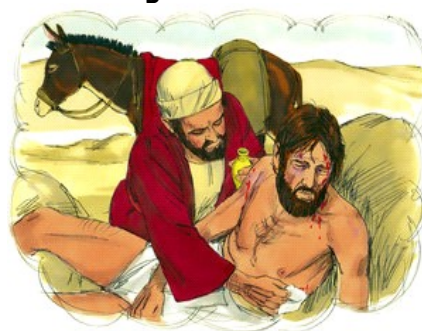
The Good Shepherd



- a. What did Jesus say the thief would not come without doing? (10:10)
- b. What did Jesus say the good shepherd does for his sheep? (10:11)
- c. Where did Jesus say the shepherd's other sheep are from? (10:16)
- d. Where did Jesus receive the commandment to lay down his life and take it up again? (10:18)

### Luke 10:25-37 ★

The Samaritan Neighbor



- a. What question prompted Jesus to tell the story of the Samaritan neighbor? (10:29)
- b. What happened to the man on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho? (10:30)
- c. Who were the two men who passed by the man on the road? (10:31-32)
- d. Who seemed to be a neighbor in Jesus' story? (10:37)

**For application: IDEA** What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



## BIBLE TEACHINGS

### Ten Commandments

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

#### **Eighth Commandment**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not misrepresent, betray, slander, or defame our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

#### **Eighth Commandment**

##### **41. Where does the Eighth Commandment apply?**

- A. In court
- B. In daily life

*A – Proverbs 19:5; B – Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9; James 4:11*

##### **42. Why is a person's reputation important?**

It determines the trust and respect received from others

*Proverbs 11:9; 16:28; 22:1*

##### **43. According to the Eighth Commandment, how do we hurt our neighbor's reputation?**

- A. Misrepresenting our neighbor
- B. Betraying our neighbor
- C. Slandering our neighbor
- D. Defaming our neighbor

*A – Psalm 109:2; Proverbs 16:28; Colossians 3:9; B – Proverbs 11:13; 25:9; C – Proverbs 11:9; James 4:11; D – Matthew 12:36; 1 Timothy 5:13*

##### **44. According to the Eighth Commandment, what will we do for our neighbor?**

- A. Defend him
- B. Speak well of him
- C. Put the best construction on everything

*A – Proverbs 31:8-9; B – 1 Samuel 19:4; Luke 7:4-5; C – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 Peter 4:8*

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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.*



Lord God, heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and everlasting God, who created all things, we thank You that You have given us sound bodies, and have graciously preserved our tongues and other members from the power of the adversary. Grant us Your grace, that we may rightly use our ears and tongues. Help us to hear Your Word diligently and devoutly, and with our tongues so to praise and glorify Your grace, that no one is offended by our words, but that all may be edified by them. 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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## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1. I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at heart I am;  
2. Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and stay.  
3. Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the Shep - herd's lamb?



For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my need and well pro - vides me,  
When I hun - ger Je - sus feeds me, In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me;  
And when my short life is end - ed, By His an - gel host at - tend - ed,



Loves me ev - 'ry day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
He shall fold me to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.



# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem - er's praise, The  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To  
 3. Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - 'ner free. His  
 5. Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your God, ye fall - en race. Look



glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 spread through all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
 and be saved through faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

6. See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
 The Lamb of God was slain.  
 His soul was once an off-ring made  
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n  
 By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heaven