

# GROW@HOME

May  
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

Hear my teaching, my people,  
**listen to the words of my mouth.**  
I will open my mouth in parables;  
**I will sing about hidden things about the past.**  
These are things that we have heard and learned,  
**things that our ancestors have told us.**  
We will not keep them from their descendants. We  
will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy  
deeds of Yahweh,  
**his strength, and the wonders that he has  
done.**  
For he established covenant decrees in Jacob  
**and appointed a law in Israel.**  
He commanded our ancestors  
**that they were to teach them to their children.**  
He commanded this so that the generation to come  
might know his decrees, the children not yet born,  
**who should tell them in turn to their own  
children.**  
Then they would place their hope in God  
**and not forget his deeds but keep his  
commandments.**

Psalm 78:1-7

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

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying (page 5)  
The Church's One Foundation (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

General Letters, part 2

### 2 John

Summary Statement

**A letter discouraging hospitality toward false teachers**

Outline

**I. Walking in Truth (1:1-6)**

**II. Watching for Lies (1:7-13)**

Key Verses

**1:5; 1:7; 1:10-11**

### 3 John

Summary Statement

**A letter encouraging hospitality toward faithful teachers**

Outline

**I. Care for Gaius (1:1-8)**

**II. Concern for Diotrophes (1:9-10)**

**III. Compliment of Demetrius (1:11-14)**

Key Verses

**1:8; 1:11**

### Daily Readings

<b>Su</b>	2Jn 1:1-6	
<b>Mo</b>	2Jn 1:7-9	
<b>Tu</b>	2Jn 1:10-13	
<b>We</b>	3Jn 1:1-4	
<b>Th</b>	3Jn 1:5-8	
<b>Fr</b>	3Jn 1:9-11	
<b>Sa</b>	3Jn 1:12-14	

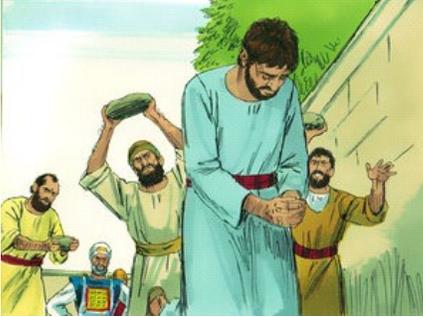


## BIBLE EVENTS

Early Church

### Acts 7:54—8:4

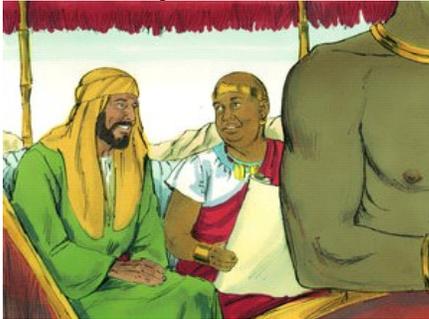
#### Stephen's Death



- When Stephen looked up to heaven, who did He see standing at God's right hand? (7:55)
- What did the council members do to Stephen? (7:58)
- What was Stephen's final prayer before he died? (7:60)
- Who was in agreement with Stephen's death? (8:1)

### Acts 8:25-40 ★

#### Philip and the Ethiopian



- What was the Ethiopian reading from his chariot? (8:28)
- Who was Philip able to preach about based on the Scripture that the Ethiopian was reading? (8:35)
- What did Philip do to the Ethiopian when they came across some water? (8:38)
- What happened when they came up out of the water? (8:39)

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

### Acts 9:1-19 ★

#### Saul Meets Jesus



- What was Saul doing to the disciples of the Lord? (9:1)
- How did the voice that spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus identify Himself? (9:5)
- How long was Saul without sight? (9:9)
- Who was sent by Jesus to heal Saul's blindness? (9:17)

### Acts 10:1-48

#### Peter and Cornelius



- What was the point of the vision Peter saw of the sheet full of unclean animals? (10:15)
- What did God teach Peter not to call any man? (10:28)
- What did Peter learn that God does not do? (10:34)
- As Peter spoke, what fell on those who were listening to him? (10:44)

**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

### The Creed, Third Article

#### Third Article: Of Sanctification

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.

##### *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In that Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and will give eternal life to me and to all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

### Holy Christian Church

#### 93. What is the difference between the visible and invisible church?

- A. The visible church consists of all those who say they believe in Jesus
- B. The invisible church consists of all those who truly believe in Jesus

*A – Matthew 13:27-30; B – Luke 17:20-21; 2 Timothy 2:19*

#### 94. What is meant by the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant?

- A. On earth the Church Militant still fights the good fight of faith
- B. In heaven the Church Triumphant has won the victory of faith

*A – 1 Timothy 6:12; B – Revelation 2:10; Revelation 3:21; Revelation 7:9-14*

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

#### 95. Why do we call the church "holy"?

- A. Church members are holy through faith in Jesus
- B. Church members serve God with holy works

*A – Ephesians 5:25-27; B – 1 Peter 2:5*

#### 96. What are the marks of the true Christian church on earth?

- A. Wherever the Word of God is correctly taught
- B. Wherever the sacraments are correctly offered

*A – Isaiah 55:10-11; John 8:31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-2; B – 1 Corinthians 4:1*

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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, we give thanks to You, that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: Inasmuch as the world cannot endure such testimony and persecutes us in every way, grant us courage and comfort, that we may not be offended because of the cross, but continue steadfastly in Your testimony, and be always found among those who know You and Your Son, until we obtain eternal salvation through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant, Almighty God, that the brightness of Your glory may shine forth upon us, and that the light of Your light by the illumination of the Holy Spirit may establish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Send, Almighty God, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life. 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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# Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1. Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
 2. If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
 3. If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
 4. Let none hear you id - ly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



5 Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
 Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Off - 'ring life and peace to all,  
 9 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you,



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
 With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
 13 Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
 You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
 You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
 An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"



# The Church's One Foundation



1. The Church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; She  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed, By  
 4. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war She  
 5. Yet she on earth has un - ion With God, the Three in One, And



is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word. From  
 char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One  
 schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet  
 waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more Till  
 mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won. O



heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With  
 ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And  
 saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And  
 with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, And  
 bless - ed heav'n - ly chor - us! Lord, save us by Your grace That



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.