

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The First Week after the Epiphany: Jan 11 - Jan 17, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Matthew 5:44-** [Jesus said,] “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

James 4:7- Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

PreK+ *The Fifth Petition:* And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition
That our Father in heaven would not look at our sins,
Or deny our prayer because of them.
We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray,
Nor have we deserved them,
But we ask that He would give them all to us by grace,
For we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.
So we too will sincerely forgive
And gladly do good to those who sin against us.

PreK+ *The Sixth Petition.* And lead us not into temptation.

3rd gr+ *What does this mean?*

God tempts no one.
We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us
So that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature
May not deceive us or mislead us
Into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.
Although we are attacked by these things,
We pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr+ **Psalm 51:5-** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel

Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, & for our teachers & students who begin a new week of school

Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be comforted with the Gospel

Wed ...for all husbands & wives, parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word

Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, our missionaries, all who serve and volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick & dying

Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Sun. Jan 18 - The Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter

Acts 4:8-13 - Peter and John before the Council
 2 Peter 1:1-15 - Confirm Your Calling and Election
 Mark 8:27-35 - Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day - "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" (LSB 647)
 School Hymn of the Month (Jan.): "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594)
 School Year Theme Hymn: "With High Delight, Let Us Unite" (LSB 483)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen**.

Recite - the Apostles' Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Luther's Morning & Evening Prayers

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

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

