

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Second Week of Easter: Apr. 7 - Apr. 12, 2024



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K+ **Colossians 3:16-** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
With thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The Office of the Keys

1st gr+ *What is the Office of the Keys?*
The Office of the Keys is that special authority
which Christ has given to His church on earth
to forgive the sins of repentant sinners,
but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant
as long as they do not repent.

2nd gr+ *Where is it written?*
This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:
**The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22-23)**

3rd gr+ *What do you believe according to these words?*
I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us
By His divine command,
in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners
from the Christian congregation
and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better,
this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven,
as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.



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 week, 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

April 23: Misericordias Domini (Easter 3), also called "Good Shepherd Sunday"

Ezekiel 34:11-16- The Lord will be Israel's Shepherd
 1 Peter 2:21-25 - Jesus the Pastor and Bishop of Your Souls
 John 10:11-16 - The Good Shepherd



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Misericordia Domini (Easter 3): "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe" (*LSB* 666)
 School Hymn of the Month (Easter): "At the Lamb's High Feast" (*LSB* 633)
 School Year Theme Hymn: "Abide with Me" (*LSB* 878)



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

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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