

Take Five

Concordia Lutheran Church
Duluth, Minnesota
Week of January 1, 2012

Memory Verse:

Simeon said, “. . . my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples . . .” (Luke 2:30-31)

Take five minutes each day to gather as a family. Turn off the TV, computer, cell phone, and other electronic devices. *Take Five* to covenant to be fully attentive to God and to one another.

1. Call to Worship

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

All: Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2. “Highs” and “Lows” during the past 24 hours. Take turns sharing. What’s happening in my life in the next 24 hours? What do I need from my family?

3. The Word Speaks. Read the scripture passage on the back or from the weekly devotional. If time permits, read the daily reflection. How does the word speak to me today? Repeat the Memory Verse.

4. Prayer. Pray for the concerns raised at this time. Give thanks for God’s blessings. Or pray the prayer on the back.

5. Sign of the Cross and Dismissal

Mark each other with the sign of the cross on the forehead in remembrance of baptism: “Remember that you are a beloved child of God.”

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights. (Psalm 148:1)

Tuesday

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Psalm 148:13b)

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. . . God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:6b)

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Saturday

The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Luke 2:40)

Prayer

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