

Take Five

Concordia Lutheran Church
Duluth, Minnesota
Week of December 18, 2011

Memory Verse:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Lk. 1:46b-47)

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: Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
All: Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song. (*ELW* 239)

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.
All: Thanks be to God!

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Monday

"[God's] mercy is on those who [trust] him from generation to generation." (Luke 1:50)

Tuesday

"[God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly . . ." (Luke 1:52)

Wednesday

"[God] has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." (Luke 1:53)

Thursday

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. (Psalm 89:1)

Friday

"For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

Saturday

Then Mary said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (Luke 1:38a)

Prayer

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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