

Take Five

Concordia Lutheran Church
Duluth, Minnesota
Week of December 4, 2011

Memory Verse:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” (Mark 1:3)

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

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I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. (Psalm 85:8)

Wednesday

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Psalm 85:10)

Thursday

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway. (Psalm 85:13)

Friday

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