

*Tuesday, March 17, 2020*

## Opening

Leader: O Lord, teach us your ways,

**Family: That we may walk in your truth**

You comfort and help us day by day.

**We Trust your loving care.**

You are the King of heaven and earth.

**We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

## Bible Reading - Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "**Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.**" <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "**Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.**" <sup>10</sup> **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"

## Questions for Discussion

*Take whatever time is necessary or possible to discuss these questions. Discussion does not have to be lengthy.*

**For the kids:** *How did Jesus show his love for Zacchaeus?*

**For the grownups:** *What are some ways we can strive to see Jesus?*

## Prayer

**Luther's Morning Prayer:**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I**

**commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*or*

**Luther's Evening Prayer:**

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*The head of the household may lead other prayers and petitions. The members of the family may also take turns with their own prayers and petitions. The head of the household closes the prayer in Jesus' name.*

## Blessing

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*Read or sing the hymn verse as a family.*

**Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me.  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine.**

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*A recording of this hymn can be found on [YouTube](#).*

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## Catechism Study

*Optional: Briefly discuss and apply this portion of Luther's Small Catechism.*

**The First Commandment**

**You Shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.