

Saturday May 16, 2020

Opening

Selected verses from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Family: **O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever.

May the LORD rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord throughout my life.

I will make music to my God as long as I last.

May my meditation be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD! Alleluia!

Bible Reading - John 9:35-41

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, **“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”**

³⁶ “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷ Jesus said, **“You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”**

³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, **“For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”**

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

⁴¹ Jesus said, **“If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”**

Questions for Discussion

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

For the kids: *Jesus says that people who believe in him can see. How does he describe people who don't believe in him?*

For the grownups: *In what way(s) are unbelievers blind? How does Jesus' arrival bring judgment on them?*

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.

**Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
(CW 379)**

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

Catechism Study

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

Table of Duties

A Word For All

Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the sum of all the commandments. And continue praying for everyone.