

**ENDURING
FAITH**

@ HOME

Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool, Petoskey

May 10-16, 2020

“Family Time” is a very important part of the Christian life. It is a specific time for your household to study God’s Word and communicate to God in prayer. God has ordered our lives that there are some great times of the day that could work to establish a Family Time: when we wake up, when we go to bed, when we sit down to eat, etc. These offer us time to calm down from the hectic pace of life. They happen each day and we already have habits associated with them, so adding family devotions and prayer to these times should hopefully be easier. The following are some suggestions for establishing a Family Time:

1. Establish a time and routine and stick to it (make it a habit). It may be helpful to establish a certain place as well such as your dinner table.
2. Light a candle which reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world and promises to be with us always.

INVOCATION – *The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE – *Read the Bible verse of the day.*

MEMORY WORK & DEVOTIONAL REFLECTIONS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION – *A time to apologize, repent, and ask for forgiveness*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

MUSIC – *Sing or listen to your favorite Christian hymn or song*

MORNING/EVENING PRAYER AND/OR OTHER PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING – The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Connection Journal

Bible Lesson— 1 Kings 12-18, 2 Kings 17 The Divided Kingdom in the North

Small Catechism Lesson— The Sacrament of the Altar p. 322-334 (2017 edition).

Memory Work – Romans 8:39 “[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

–**What is the Sacrament of the Altar?** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

–**Where is this written?** The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

– **What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?** These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Day 1— 1 Corinthians 11:23–24 Who gave us the Sacrament of the Altar? Why is this important?

Day 2— 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 Why do we believe that what we receive in the Sacrament of the Altar is Jesus’ true body and true blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine?

Day 3— 1 Peter 2:24 How does God strengthen us through the Sacrament of the Altar?

Day 4—Matthew 26:26 How often should Christians accept Christ’s invitation to receive the Sacrament of the Altar? Why?

Day 5— 1 Corinthians 10:17 In what way does the Sacrament of the Altar bring Christians together?

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For youth confirmation class: By signing this, you confirm that your household did participate in memory work and family prayers to help form your confirmand in God’s Word. If you were unable to do so for whatever reason, please let your leader know.

Visual Faith

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Romans 8:39***

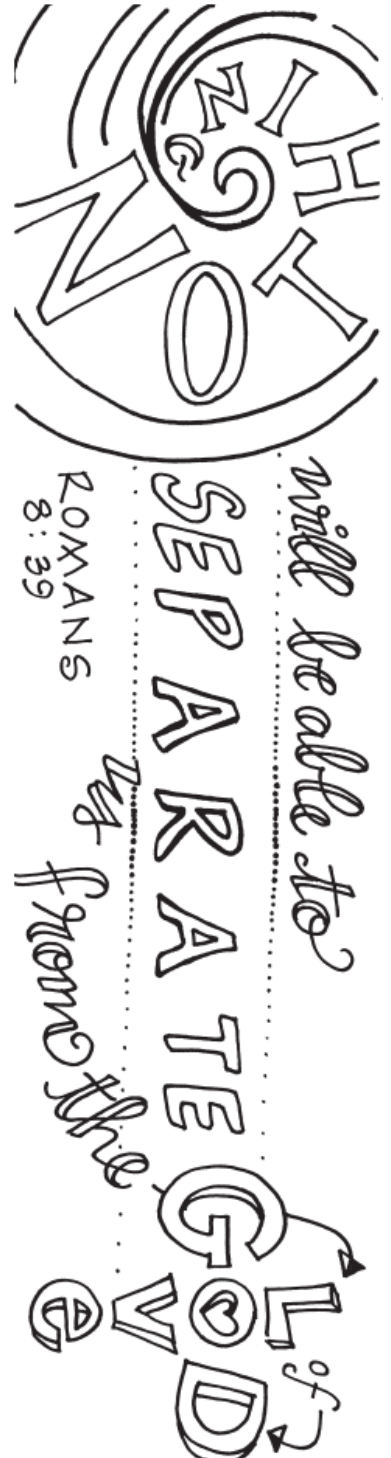
Through the prophet Ahijah, Jeroboam learns he will lead ten tribes of a divided kingdom. Rehoboam, Solomon's heir, ignores the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatens to make their workload even more difficult.

Angered by his response, the ten tribes of Israel separate, making Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead the tribes of Judah and Benjamin from Jerusalem. Jeroboam places golden calves in Bethel and Dan, telling the people they no longer need to go to Jerusalem to worship. The kingdom of David was divided, never to be brought together again in the same way. Believers of all ages now look to the Son of David to bring all nations together into His kingdom.

TAKING IT HOME

- **On the Go**— Who are some people God puts in your life to guide you in the right direction?
- **At Mealttime**— What are some ways our sin divides us from each other? What hope do we have that can bring us back together?
- **Before Bed**— Pray together that our country and its leaders would serve with wisdom and the fear of the Lord.

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Activity

Removing the Tarnish

Theme: Through the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit forgives our sins and, in Christ, changes our heart.

Materials: ¼ c. vinegar, 1 tbsp. salt, two small bowls, 1 c. soapy water, towel, several dirty or dull pennies

Use the soapy water to try to clean the pennies. Comment that, **like the soapy water, try as we might, we are ineffective in dealing on our own with the sin of our life.**

Dry the coins and place them in the bowl with the vinegar and salt. Note how clean the coins become. (The acid of the vinegar reacts with the salt to remove the tarnish from the copper.)

Stress that **only Jesus can remove the tarnish of sin in our lives. His forgiveness is complete. And it is a gift. In the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ gives us forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.**

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