



MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

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YOUNG CHILDREN

- What was the Gospel reading/children’s message about?
- Tell me about your Sunday School class this morning.
- What is one thing Jesus wants you to do this week?

STUDENTS

- What was the sermon about?
- What is one thing you talked about in Sunday School this morning?
- What are some action steps we can take this week in response to what we learned today?

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.” Romans 5:19

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MEMORIZATION FOR LIFE (FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES): LORD'S PRAYER

Fourth Petition – Give us this day our daily bread

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

PRAYERS: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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