

God establishes a new relationship with us.

verse for the week

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

EPHESIANS 2:8

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Think about God. Share your thoughts. Who is God to you?

2

How do you see God in the world around you?

3

Humans have struggled throughout history to get a clear picture of God and how to please God. If God only saves sinners (Romans 3:20-24), how does that change the quest to please God?

Devotions

Daily Bible Readings

S	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free.
M	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
T	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
W	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith
T	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
F	Hosea 2:10-15	God draws Israel close
S	Psalm 46	God is our protection
S	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have set us free! May we use our freedom to live for you. Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. Amen.

Creative Response

Luther wrote the Small Catechism to help people study and practise their Christian faith everyday in the home.

Faith, like learning a language, needs to be practised regularly.

Luther wrote a morning and evening prayer for individuals and families to begin and end the day in faith.

This week use his morning and evening prayers (Find them in Luther's Small Catechism or on the Internet.).

Add the Lord's Prayer and other prayers to your day and consider making these prayers part of your daily routine.

mealttime prayer

Loving God, we praise your name for you are rich in grace. Bless this food and all who gather in this place. Amen.

Service

The Reformation emphasises the priesthood of all believers.

Not only do pastors have a calling from God, but all Christians have an important calling (vocation) in the world. Look at what you do with your gifts and passions to serve others and to give praise to God.

Whether at work or at school or at home, give thanks to God that you have a calling that pleases God and serves others.