

**Family Worship**  
Week of August 16, 2026

**Instruction:** Whatever time of day works best each day for you or your family, use the prompts below to spend a few minutes together in prayer and the Word. Open and close each session with a simple prayer. Use the questions for meditation or discussion.

**Sermon Meditations: Firstborn**

**Monday**

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 20:1-10
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's first point was "The Reality of the Resurrection". The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical fact. John wants us to know it really happened and he is a witness. Faith in Jesus Christ includes believing that he was raised from the dead. Do you believe this? God is faithful and powerful to keep his promises.
- Close in prayer

**Tuesday**

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 20:1-10
- Meditation: Pastor Matt's second point was "The Meaning of the Resurrection". The resurrection is Christ defeating death for us. It is the Father showing that Jesus is indeed his Son. It is the beginning of eternal life for all the people of God. All these blessings from God are for those who believe. And we, too, will one day be raised from the dead by this same power and to this same eternal life. What a gift of love the Father has given us in the Son.
- Close in prayer

**Wednesday**

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Romans 1:4; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Col 1:18-20
- Meditation: For this Wednesday, read the above passages and meditate upon the resurrection of Christ and all the blessings that are ours in him.
- Close in prayer

**Preparing Our Hearts to Receive the Word**

**Thursday**

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 20:11-18
- Meditation: What questions do you have about this text? Is there anything confusing or curious? Does anything stand out as important?
- Close in Prayer

**Friday**

- Open in Prayer
- Read: John 20:11-18
- Meditation: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 4 asks, "What do the Scriptures principally teach?" Answer: "The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man." What does this passage teach us about God's character and work? What does it teach us about our own hearts and need for a Savior and how we ought to live in the world as followers of Christ?
- Close in Prayer