

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

Like newborn _____ infants _____, Alleluia, long for the pure
_____ spiritual _____ milk [of the Word.] Alleluia! — 1 Peter 2:2a

Thus says the Lord GOD to these _____ bones _____: Behold, I will cause
_____ breath _____ to enter you, and you shall _____ live _____. And I will lay
sinews upon you, and will cause _____ flesh _____ to come upon you, and
cover you with _____ skin _____, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you
shall _____ know _____ that I am the _____ LORD _____.” — Ezekiel 37:5-6

And I will put my _____ Spirit _____ within you, and you shall live, and I will
place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have
_____ spoken _____, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” — Ezekiel 37:14

Let your _____ steadfast love _____, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we _____ hope _____ in you. — Psalm 33:22

For everyone who has been born of _____ God _____ overcomes the world. And this is
the _____ victory _____ that has overcome the world—our _____ faith _____.
Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who _____ believes _____ that
Jesus is the _____ Son _____ of God? — 1 John 5:4-5

Jesus said to him, “Have you _____ believed _____ because you have seen me?
_____ Blessed _____ are those who have _____ not _____ seen and yet
have believed.” — John 20:29



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Quasimodo Geniti — The Second Sunday of Easter

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INTROIT

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia!

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

In distress you called, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia!

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Matt. 28:27b; John 20:26a, c

He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #470 — O Sons and Daughters of the King

CATECHISM CONNECTION: Office of the Keys with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Quasimodo Geniti comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (quasi modo geniti infantes), meaning “like newborn infants.” It is also the second Sunday of Easter and is sometimes referred as Thomas Sunday.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 33

What are some of the qualities of the LORD described in this psalm?

The Word of the LORD is upright; He is faithful. (verse 4) — God's Word is infallible (true, not false) and inerrant (without error). He keeps His promises (faithful).

God is righteous (good and virtuous) and just (fair); His steadfast (unconditional) love is ever present. (verse 5)

God is the Creator (verses 6–9). He is omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), and omnipresent (all-present).

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 22 (pages 59–60), question 97 (page 110), and question 235 (page 201)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Ezekiel 37:1–14

What did God tell Ezekiel to do in his vision?

God told Ezekiel to: “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” (verses 4–6)

Ezekiel did as the Lord commanded. The bones put themselves back together and the flesh/skin covered them.

Then the LORD commanded Ezekiel again to: “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” (verse 9)

The breath entered the bones and a vast army came to life. All this is possible only through God.

What does the vision of the Valley of Dry Bones represent?

The Last Day and the resurrection of all the flesh. God will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Those who believe will go to the new heaven and new earth; those who do not believe will have damnation in the eternal fire.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 20:19–31

How did Jesus greet the apostles? And, what does it mean?

Peace be with you. — Jesus gives us peace through His Holy Gospel (He died for our sin and was raised from the dead for our justification).

What was Thomas' response after he saw and felt Jesus' wounds?

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” (verse 28).

What did Jesus say in response to Thomas?

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (verse 29)

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 2 (page 48), question 92 (pages 104–105), question 119 (pages 122–124), question 161 (pages 152–153), question 179 (pages 162–164), question 266 (page 220), and question 269 (pages 224–225)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 John 5:4–10

Who is born of God? And, how are the others born?

Those who believe in Jesus Christ are born of God.

“All men are born children of wrath and of eternal death. In sin we are conceived, born, and raised. In sin we live our life, and by nature there is nothing in us but sin and vice, wicked passions and desires, and scorn of God and of all His commandments. We could never attain to being children of God by our own powers, but only by new birth and faith in Jesus Christ.” (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, page 168)

It is through the drowning of the old Adam (the sinful flesh) that we become children of God. It is the Holy Spirit who brings us to God.

What does the three (the water, the blood, and the Holy Spirit) testify in? (verses 6–7)

Water — Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist

Blood — Jesus' death on the cross for our salvation

The Holy Spirit — witnesses through the Word of God

“Three testify to the truth that Jesus is God's Son. He was baptized by John as part of His work of satisfying God's commands. He shed His blood to atone for our sins. The Spirit bears witness through the Word and in our hearts to this truth.” (*Life By His Word*, 1 John, page 9)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Office of the Keys with Explanation and Quasimodo Geniti?

Christ gives the Keys to His called and sent ones to unlock heaven for the repentant and to lock heaven for the unrepentant.