

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Decode the Scripture verse.

I WAS GLAD WHEN
 THEY SAID TO ME,
 "LET US GO TO THE
 HOUSE OF THE LORD!"
 PEACE BE WITHIN
 YOUR WALLS AND
 SECURITY WITHIN
 YOUR TOWERS!

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Psalm 122:1, 7 ESV



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INTROIT Psalm 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
 and let your prophets be proven faithful.
 Hear the prayer of your servants,
 according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.
 I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
 May they be secure who love you!
 For my brothers and companions' sake
 I will say, "Peace be within you!"
 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your good.
 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.
 Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
 and let your prophets be proven faithful.
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 according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

MEMORY VERSE Psalm 117:1

Alleluia. Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #694 – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

CATECHISM CONNECTION:
 The Second Article of the Creed with Explanation (pages 16-17)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 34:8–22

What does verse 10 mean?

The lions represent the proud independents who think they can do everything on their own. Their needs are not met where it really counts, they cannot earn their salvation. While those who believe and trust in the Lord have everything they need — eternal life and salvation.

What commandment does verse 13 reference?

The Eighth Commandment — You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor (See page 13 of the Small Catechism for the explanation.)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Deuteronomy 10:12–21

What did Moses mean when he told the Israelites to circumcise their hearts? (verse 16)

Moses, by Divine inspiration, is instructing a spiritual circumcision; a cutting away of the old man so that the new man may be obedient to God. A circumcised heart is one who responds in faith to God's grace.

Martin Luther wrote: "Therefore by this statement Moses destroys that occasion for sin against the First Commandment which arises from the observance of circumcision and all the works of the Law... But he does this that they may know that the Law is fulfilled, not by works of the Law but from the circumcision of the heart, and that such works are truly good only when they proceed, not from the compulsion of the Law but from the heart which was circumcised before... Otherwise works produce nothing." (Luther's Works, Vol. 9, pgs. 110–111).

What are some of the reasons listed in this lesson that we should fear, love, and serve God? (verses 14–21)

Verse 14 — God is our Creator

Verse 15 — God "chose" us as His people.

Verse 17 — God is great, mighty and awesome (omnipotent or all-powerful).

Verse 18 — God is just, and He does not take bribes. God provides for His people.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 22:34–46

What is the first great commandment? (verses 36–38)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. — This summarizes the First Table of the Law.

What is the second great commandment? (verse 39)

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. — This summarizes the Second Table of the Law.

How can David's son (his heir, descended from his body) be at the same time David's master and Lord? (verses 41–46)

It is called the two natures of Christ. Jesus is a human being and yet He is divine — very God of very God (Nicene Creed), both at the same time.

David's Son is at one and the same time the Eternal Son of the Father: God the Word (John 1:1c) come into our flesh (John 1:14a), woven in the Woman's womb (Galatians 4:4c), made our Brother (Hebrews 2:11–15); our Neighbor. (Luke 10:29–35).

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 5 (pages 50–51), question 15 (page 55), question 16 (page 55), question 22 (pages 59–60), and question 45 (page 73)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Corinthians 1:(1–3) 4–9

What is the "gift" in verse 7?

These are the spiritual gifts (blessings) from God, chiefly the forgiveness of sins through His Word and Sacraments.

What does it mean by "God is faithful"? (verse 9)

God always keeps His promises.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 176 (pages 160–161)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Second Article of the Creed with Explanation and Trinity XVIII?

The Second Article of the Creed ties directly to the Gospel reading — the two natures of Christ and how He paid for the forgiveness of our sins.