

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my _____ voice _____ when I call to you! Let my _____ prayer _____ be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my _____ hands _____ as the evening sacrifice! — Psalm 141:1-2

For the LORD God is a _____ sun _____ and _____ shield _____; the Lord bestows _____ favor _____ and _____ honor _____. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, _____ blessed _____ is the one who trusts in you! — Psalm 84:11-12

And he was afraid and said, “How _____ awesome _____ is this place! This is none other than the house of _____ God _____, and this is the _____ gate _____ of _____ heaven _____.” — Genesis 28:17

Be angry and do not _____ sin _____; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the _____ devil _____. Let the thief no longer _____ steal _____, but rather let him labor, doing _____ honest _____ work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with _____ anyone _____ in need. — Ephesians 4:26-28

And when Jesus saw their _____ faith _____, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your _____ sins _____ are _____ forgiven _____.” — Matthew 9:2b



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INTROIT *Psalm 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*
Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!”

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his troubles;
this is God, our God forever and ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from old,

Things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

**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.**

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 98:1a

Alleluia. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #559 — Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

Confession with Explanation (pages 26-29)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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 84

Where is God's dwelling place today?

The Church is God's dwelling place. It is where the gospel is publicly preached, the holy Sacraments are administered, and where His saints gather for worship.

What does verse 5 mean?

Blessed are those who live their lives according to God's Word — in both faith and trust in God above all things.

How is God our sun and shield? (verse 11)

God provides everything we need and continues to take care of us.

As you have learned to confess from the Catechism: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still take care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. (SC. II: 1)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 28:10-17

Describe Jacob's dream.

Jacob dreamed that there was a ladder (or stairway) going from earth to heaven with angels of God ascending and descending upon it.

The LORD was at the top of the ladder. He said that He is the God of Abraham and Isaac, and promised that Jacob's offspring would bless all the families of the earth. Christ is the greatest descendant of Jacob, and He fulfills God's promise through His death on the cross.

What ought we learn from Jacob's vision?

There are heavenly forces at work; there is much that we do not see, that we do not know or understand. But the truth behind these unseen and unknown things is that God, out of His abundant mercy and grace, is bringing you to the place where you might hear His holy Word, believe it, and be saved.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 9:1-8

How are we like the paralytic (a person who can not move or feel parts of their body)?

Just as the paralytic could not walk to Jesus on his own, neither can you.

As you have learned to confess from the Catechism: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. (SC. II: 3).

Why did the scribes accuse Jesus of blasphemy (speaking falsely about or insulting God)? (verses 2-6)

Jesus told the paralytic that his "sins were forgiven." The scribes thought Jesus was claiming to do something that only God could do, as only the "Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

What authority did Jesus give to men? (verse 8)

Jesus gave the power to forgive sins through the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 119 (pages 122-124), question 186 (pages 167-168), and question 268 (page 221)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Ephesians 4:22-28

What is the "old self" is a reference too?

The Old Adam is corrupt with sin and evil desires that we inherit because of Adam's fall into sin.

How is the "new self" created after the likeness of God?

In Baptism, the Old Adam (old self) is drowned, with the New Adam (new man or self) emerging in true righteousness and holiness.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 52 (pages 77-79), question 59 (page 86), question 61 (pages 87-88), question 81 (pages 98-99), question 106 (page 115), question 255 (page 214), question 258 (page 215), and question 303 (pages 242-243)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of Confession with Explanation and Trinity XIX?

We believe that when we confess our sins we are to also receive forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself.

The pastor is to pronounce absolution (forgiveness) for the pastor stands in the stead and by the command of God to absolve sinners who repent of their sins. Pastors are charged to deal with those who repent of their sins and wish to do better just as Christ Himself would deal them - freely forgiving them.