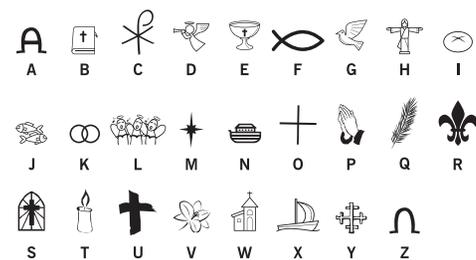
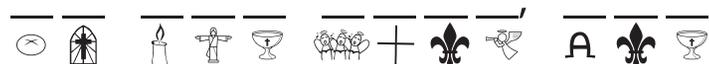
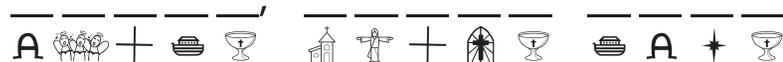


FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Decode the Scripture verse.



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Sexagesima

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INTROIT

Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Psalm 44:23, 25a, 26a

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Glorify 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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 60:5

That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #584 – Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Sixth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sexagesima comes from the Latin word for “sixtieth.” Sexagesima Sunday is approximately 60 days from Easter and is the second Sunday of the Pre-Lenten Season or Shrovetide, which ends on the Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday).

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 84

Where is the dwelling place today?

The church is God’s dwelling place. It is where the gospel is publicly preached, the holy Sacraments are given, and where His saints gather for worship.

What does verse 10 mean?

It’s better to have just a tiny bit of salvation than to be away from God (eternal damnation). The humblest believer is rich in faith and that outweighs all the treasures in the world.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 55:10–13

Describe how God’s Word is being compared to rain and snow in verses 10–11.

Like the earth soaks up the rain and snow in the soil as nourishment for the seed to grow, so to do we soak in God’s Word. It nourishes and strengthens us. Rain and snow, food and water, as well as God’s Word are sent from God with an intended purpose.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 174 (page 160) and question 214 (pages 185–186)

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Amos 8:11–12

What are verses 11–12 warning us of?

Because the people have rejected and despised God’s Word, they will be without God. Separation from God (eternal damnation) is the absolute worst thing that can happen to us.

Luther said: “For when the Word has been taken away, what else remains but the most terrible darkness of human reason which wants to be our mistress and which can teach nothing else than the doctrine of demons?... There is no light except through faith in the Word” (AE 8:183).

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 8:4–15

In the parable of the sower and the seed, what does God tell us about His Word?

God’s Word is the seed. God generously dispenses (you could even say recklessly) His Word throughout the world (through preaching and the Bible). God’s Word falls of deaf ears, it is snatched away by Satan and it’s choked out by cares of this world. God’s Word only takes solid root in fertile ground (a broken and contrite heart). Like a seed needs water and nourishment to grow, God’s Word flourishes with water (Baptism) and nourishment (the Sacrament of the Altar).

How do we know the seed is the Word of God?

Jesus says so in verse 11.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9

What is boasting and is it for our good?

Boasting is drawing attention to something. When we boast in ourselves (by showing off our possessions, talent, money, power, and such), it is not to our benefit. However, it is good to boast in the Lord (by giving praise and thanks to God).

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 200 (page 177–178), question 218 (page 188–189), and question 232 (page 199)

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Hebrews 4:9–13

What is the Word of God being compared to?

A two-edged sword can cut only through flesh and bone. The Word of God, which is sharper, can cut through our innermost thoughts, exposing our true self to the Lord.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 36 (page 68)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Sixth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer and Sexagesima?

We ask God for protection that our faith will grow.

In this petition, we pray that “God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice.”