

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

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! — Psalm 122:1, 7

Those who trust in the LORD are like _____ Mount Zion _____, which cannot be moved, but _____ abides _____ forever. As the mountains surround _____ Jerusalem _____, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. _____ Peace _____ be upon _____ Israel _____!
— Psalm 125:1–2, 5b

Then the LORD said to _____ Moses _____, “Behold, I am about to rain _____ bread _____ from _____ heaven _____ for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my _____ law _____ or not. — Exodus 16:4

_____ Jesus _____ then took the _____ loaves _____, and when he had given _____ thanks _____, he _____ distributed _____ them to those who were seated. So also the _____ fish _____, as much as they wanted.
— John 6:11



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Laetare — The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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INTROIT

Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast.

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Our feet have been standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

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!”

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.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 125:1

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #743 — Jesus, Priceless Treasure

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Sacrament of the Altar with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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?

The fourth Sunday in Lent is called Laetare, which, in Latin, means “Rejoice”.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 132:8–18

What oath did the Lord make to David? (verse 11)

The Lord made an oath (a promise) to David that one of his sons will be king (sit on the throne) after him. And, that David’s descendants will continue to rule as long as they kept their faithfulness to the Lord.

Where is Zion, God’s dwelling place?

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.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Exodus 16:2–21

What did God promise the people of Israel? (verse 4)

God will rain (provide) bread from heaven. In the same manner, Christ is the bread of life. He was given for our salvation and eternal life.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 6:1–15

How many people did Jesus feed that day?

5,000 men (plus the women and children not mentioned)

How much food did Jesus have when He gave thanks?

Five barley loaves and two fish

How much food remained after everyone ate?

Twelve baskets worth of bread fragments remained. God provides and nourishes abundantly. His love is generous and never ending.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 222 (pages 192–193) and question 228 (pages 195–196)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Galatians 4:21–31

What are Abraham’s sons named? Who are the mothers?

Ishmael is the son of Hagar (a maidservant).

Isaac is the son of Sarah (Abraham’s wife who was past child-bearing age).

What does each son symbolize?

Ishmael is the result of man’s works-righteousness (man taking control of his salvation instead of trusting in God).

Isaac is the result of God fulfilling His promise according to His Will (God is in control of all things).

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Isaiah 49:8–13

What specific promises does the Lord give in this passage?

The Lord keeps His promises of: no hunger or thirst, shelter from the wind and sun, and He will guide His people to salvation.

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Acts 2:41–47

What is the breaking of bread?

The Lord’s Supper

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 37 (pages 68–69), question 40 (pages 70–72), question 170 (page 158), question 179 (pages 162–165), question 245 (pages 206–207), question 285 (page 232), and question 305 (pages 243–244)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Sacrament of the Altar with Explanation and Laetare?

We are fed the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation.