



ACROSS

- 3) Someone who dies for the faith [MARTYR]
- 5) Another name of the Helper or Comforter [HOLY SPIRIT]
- 6) sin [TRANSGRESSIONS]

DOWN

- 1) The cleansing of sin promised to us in the Old Testament lesson [HOLY BAPTISM]
- 2) The sin we are born with due to the Fall of Man. [ORIGINAL SIN]
- 4) "Lord, hear my voice" [EXAUDI]
- 5) Create in me a clean _____, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. — Psalm 51:10 [HEART]

WORD BANK

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Exaudi — The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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INTROIT

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9c

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Teach me your way, O LORD;

give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

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 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #539 — Christ Is the World's Redeemer

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above the heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Exaudi comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (*Exaudi Domine*), meaning “LORD, hear my voice.” (Psalm 27:13) It is the Sunday between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 51:1-12

What does this psalm tell us about sin?

This psalm shows us that there is no sin too terrible that God will not forgive. We are to ask God for forgiveness and He will grant us mercy through His steadfast love.

Hear Luther’s comment: “This psalm is one of the chief didactic [teaching a moral lesson] psalms in which David teaches us what sin is, where it comes from, and the harm it does, and how we can get rid of it. For in this psalm, as nowhere else, sin is clearly depicted for what it is, namely, something we have inherited and are born with, which no work on our part, but only God’s grace and forgiveness, can help. God must create in us a new spirit, give us a new spiritual birth; if not, sin is so powerful, that, according to David’s psalm, it will crush our bones with fright and despair until God’s grace comes to comfort us. Then, when we have been made new people by grace and Spirit, and only then can we properly teach, praise, give thanks, and bear our crosses. That is what true worship is about, and the psalmist rejects all other forms of worship resorted to by foolish saints, and finally he asks God to edify and strengthen Zion so they can offer God such worship and sacrifice.”

Where in the Divine Service do verses 10-12 appear?

The Offertory — it is sung in response to God’s Word and preaching.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 81 (pages 98-99), question 162 (pages 153-154), question 224 (pages 193-194), and question 261 (pages 218-219)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Ezekiel 36:22-28

Which commandment is broken in verses 22-23?

The 2nd Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

What is God promising to give to His people in the future? (verses 25-27)

God is promising the gift of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” (John 3:3) and He said to the apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

Review the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 23-25

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 15:26-16:4

Who is the Helper and why was He sent?

The Holy Spirit is the Helper. The Holy Spirit is sent by God the Father to bear witness (testify or give an account) to Jesus’ actions. He comforts us in all adversity, persecution, and tribulation due to the bold confession of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Why will men kill the apostles?

They will think they are giving an offering to God. The apostles will become martyrs (dying for their faith in Jesus’ name).

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 95 (pages 107-108)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 (12-14)

What three things is Peter instructing us to do? (verse 25)

- 1 — Be self-controlled and sober-minded in prayer (do not ask for excessive things)
- 2 — To love one another earnestly and show hospitality without grumbling (be kind and love your neighbor without complaint)
- 3 — To share the gifts (your talents and treasures) God has bestowed (given to you) for the glory of God

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 62 (pages 88-89) and question 155 (pages 148-149)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation and Exaudi?

It is through the Holy Spirit that: “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? 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. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.”