

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

The LORD is a _____ stronghold _____ for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their _____ trust in you _____, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the _____ hope _____ of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail. — Psalm 9:9-10, 18-19a

Oh come, let us sing to the _____ LORD _____; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our _____ salvation _____! — Psalm 95:1

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were _____ baptized _____ into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was _____ Christ _____. — 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

So the last will be _____ first _____, and the first _____ last _____. — Matthew 20:16

I love you, O LORD, my _____ strength _____. The Lord is my _____ rock _____ and my _____ fortress _____ and my _____ deliverer _____. — Psalm 18:1-2



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Septuagesima

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INTROIT

Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Psalm 18:5-6a

The cords of Sheol entangled me;

the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.

From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength

and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

and sing to your name.

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

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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #555 — Salvation unto Us Has Come

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Second Part of Holy Baptism

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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?

Septuagesima comes from the Latin word for “seventieth.” Septuagesima Sunday is approximately 70 days from Easter and is the first day of the Pre-Lenten Season or Shrovetide, which ends on the Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday).

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 95:1–9

Why does this Psalm instruct us to worship and bow down before the Lord?

The Lord is our God and Creator (Maker of all things). He is the rock of our salvation (He forgives us of our sins). He is a great King above all gods (He is the one and only true God).

What is meant by “harden your hearts” in verse 8?

Harden your hearts is refusing or rejecting God.

Which verses of this Psalm is sung during Matins (see LSB pages 219-228)?

Psalm 95: 1-7. It is the Venite — O Come, Let Us Sing (LSB page 220-221)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Exodus 17:1–7

What were the people of Israel doing?

The people of Israel were thirsty, complaining to Moses, and they thought God had forsaken (abandoned) them and broke His promise to them.

How did Moses get the people of Israel water?

Moses asked the Lord for water. The Lord told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb and water shall come out of it.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 20:1–16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, who is the master of the house and who are the workers?

God is the master of the house and we (Christians) are the vineyard workers. God calls us to Him, He genuinely desires us all. However, many are called and few are chosen. This means only those who believe and are baptized will be saved.

Are the workers hired in the morning being cheated compared to those hired late in the day?

No. We are all sinners and deserve damnation. Works-righteousness (doing good things) will not save us. It is through the grace of God that we are saved and out of our love for the neighbor that we do good works.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

How does the runner illustration relate to that of a Christian?

We are to “run” with a purpose, toward Christ. We are not to be lazy and weak in faith, but active in the faith. For example: we are to pray the Lord’s Prayer, not just memorize the words.

What are verses 10:3-5 warning us of?

While forgiveness, life, and salvation are offered to all through the Lord’s Supper, only those who believe will receive these blessings. Those who take the body and blood of Christ without faith are taking judgment upon themselves. Everyone will not be in heaven, only those who are faithful will be saved.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 298 (page 240)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Second Part of Holy Baptism and Septuagesima?

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not will be condemned.”