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
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."