

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

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Romans 6:23 ESV

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INTROIT

Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: Psalm 47:1–2

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

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 47:1

Alleluia. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #625 – Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Sacrament of the Altar with Explanation (pages 30–31)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 33:1–11

What are some of the qualities of the LORD described in this psalm?

The Word of the LORD is upright; He is faithful. (verse 4) — God's Word is infallible (true, not false) and inerrant (without error). He keeps His promises (faithful).

God is righteous (good and virtuous) and just (fair); His steadfast (unconditional) love is ever present. (verse 5)

God is the Creator (verses 6–9). He is omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), and omnipresent (all-present).

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 22 (pages 59–60), question 97 (page 110), and question 235 (page 201)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 2:7–17

What trees did God plant in the middle of the Garden of Eden? (verse 9)

The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil are found in the center of the Garden of Eden.

What do the four rivers of Eden symbolize?

The 4 rivers of Eden (Genesis 2:10) were to water all creation and foreshadow the 4 Gospels, which are the words of eternal life that God has sent to water the dry hearts of men and make them moist and full of God's love. In the same manner, the 4,000 (Mark 8:9) foreshadow that Christ has brought His mercy for the whole world — north, south, east and west; the 4 corners of the earth; the 4 winds.

What did God command man to do? (verses 15–17)

The Garden of Eden was where God put the man, Adam, to work it and take care of it. God commanded Adam to eat of any tree in the garden, but not from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that they ate of it they shall surely die.

What is the consequence of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

When man ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he sinned against God — man's actions told God that he knew more than Him. When you question why God did things the way He did, you are doing the same sin that Adam and Eve did — trying to be god by putting themselves as judge of good and evil.

Mankind's existence is now one of death, even before the body gives out. The free will that man had in the beginning has been lost, just as the image of God has also been lost. No longer does man have free will in spiritual matters; he is but a slave to sin, and the wages of sin is death.

Learn from Adam: a life turned away from God and His Word, is a life of death. Talk about desolate places. There is no more desolate place than the human heart turned away from its Creator, with no fear, no love, no trust anywhere to be found.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 101 (page 113), question 103 (page 114), and question 112 (pages 118–119)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Mark 8:1–9

What was the reason Jesus gave for having compassion on the crowd? (verse 2)

The people had been with Jesus for three days and had nothing to eat.

Unlike the feedings of the multitudes in Exodus 16 and Numbers 11, the people did not complain about having nothing to eat. Why would there be? They had found something more precious than gold. They had found something more precious than jewels. They had found something better than a fruitful tree. They had found paradise, because they had found Jesus. As far as they were concerned, they were in the Garden of Eden, because they were with Jesus.

What do the seven loaves of bread represent? (verses 5–8)

Jesus took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to His disciples to set before [the people]. In the same way still today, Jesus speaks His words of thanks and consecration, and His ministers distribute the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. The seven loaves were multiplied to feed and fully satisfy four thousand people. In the same way still today, Jesus uses seemingly insufficient bread to multiply His grace and feed and fully satisfy the Church with His very life-giving Body. And in wine, He gives His cleansing Blood for your forgiveness, that all those who [believe in Him] shall never thirst. (John 6:35d NKJV).

When all had eaten, there was more left over than when they started. Seven small loaves became seven large baskets. So it is with the Lord. The more He gives, the more He has yet to give. His mercy toward you cannot be exhausted. His gifts don't run out. There's always more; there's always better. The seven loaves typify (represent) the seven days of creation. The seven large baskets typify the even greater creation to come at Christ's return. It's not just that the Lord restores things to the way they were before the fall. The new creation shall surpass even the Paradise of Eden.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 6:19–23

What does it mean to be a slave to sin?

Being a slave to sin is living a life of wickedness and ignoring God's Will.

What does it mean to be a slave to God?

Being a slave to God leads to an eternal life with God — our salvation through Jesus' death on the cross.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 70 (page 94) and question 109 (pages 116–117)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Sacrament of the Altar with Explanation and Trinity VII?

"For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."