

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my _____ integrity _____,
and I have _____ trusted _____ in the Lord without wavering. — Psalm 26:1

For if you live according to the _____ flesh _____ you will die,
but if by the _____ Spirit _____ you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will _____ live _____. — Romans 8:13

In all things I have shown you that by _____ working _____ hard in this
way we must help the _____ weak _____ and _____ remember _____
the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to
_____ give _____ than to _____ receive _____.’ — Acts 20:35

[Jesus said:] “Beware of _____ false _____ prophets, who come
to you in _____ sheep’s _____ clothing but inwardly are ravenous
_____ wolves _____. You will _____ recognize _____ them by their
_____ fruits _____. — Matthew 7:15-16a

O LORD, I love the _____ habitation _____ of your house and the place where
your _____ glory _____ dwells. — Psalm 26:8



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INTROIT *Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Psalm 48:9-10*

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

Within her citadels

God has made himself known as a fortress.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

This is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

**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 78:1

Alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #716 — I Walk in Danger All the Way

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation (page 19)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant to us, O Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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 26

Where is the dwelling place today?

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.

Which verse is sung during Matins (Responsory)?

Verse 8 — "Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells."

What is David praying for in this psalm? (verses 9-10)

David asked the Lord to deliver him from his enemies.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 40 (pages 70-72)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Jeremiah 23:16-29

What is the Lord warning Christians of?

False prophets and false doctrine — False prophets attack the faith of the faithful. They falsely portray God. Sometimes they come right out and deny the Holy Trinity. They deny that Jesus is true God. They deny that the Holy Spirit is a distinct Person. Christians worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity (Athanasian Creed) as the Bible teaches. (Isaiah 42:1; Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7 NKJV). God is One divine Essence and Three distinct Persons.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 93 (pages 105-107) and question 210 (pages 182-183)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 7:15-23

How can we recognize false prophets?

Jesus tells you, "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?" Trees yield fruit according to its kind. (Genesis 1:12c-d). That's how God made trees on the third day of creation, and that's what Jesus explains, when He says: "every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit."

The trouble with recognizing false prophets is that they never look like a false prophet; they don't come with a warning label. The wolf is clothed like a sheep, the false prophet is dressed in piety and good works. You will not be able to recognize a false prophet from the outside. False prophets are identified by what they teach.

Compare the fruit from false prophets and true prophets.

There is nothing more poisonous or deadly than false teaching — the false words of false prophets. False teaching kills. Eternally. Because it destroys faith.

Instead of bringing death, the true prophet brings the Word of eternal life, the Word of salvation, the Word of Jesus, the Word of forgiveness. For these are the Words that Jesus would have you hear. If the words of the false prophet is poison, the Words of the Lord are medicine, the medicine of immortality. If the words of the false prophet bring death, the Word of the Lord brings life and salvation.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 33 (pages 66-67), question 82 (pages 99-100), and question 179 (pages 162-164)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 8:12-17

What does it mean to live according to the flesh?

To live according to the world — sinful desires

What does it mean to live according to the Spirit?

To live according to God's Will and direction.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 205 (pages 180-181)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Acts 20:27-38

What is St. Paul warning us of?

False prophets and false doctrine

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 121 (page 125) and question 277 (pages 227-228)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer with Explanation and Trinity VIII?

Anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God.