

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

“Mark this, then, you who forget _____ God _____, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers _____ thanksgiving _____ as his sacrifice _____ glorifies _____ me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the _____ salvation _____ of God!” — Psalm 50:22–23

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ _____ died _____ for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was _____ buried _____, that he was _____ raised _____ on the _____ third _____ day in accordance with the _____ Scriptures _____, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. — 1 Corinthians 15:13–5

But God, being rich in _____ mercy _____, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by _____ grace _____ you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been _____ saved _____ through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the _____ gift _____ of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:4–9

For everyone who _____ exalts _____ himself will be _____ humbled _____, but the one who _____ humbles _____ himself will be _____ exalted _____. — Luke 18:14b



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INTROIT

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Psalm 68:5b, 6a, 35b

God is in his holy habitation;

[he] settles the solitary in a home.

The God of Israel—he is the one

who gives power and strength to his people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

O God, when you went out before your people,

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

God is our salvation.

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 90:1

Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #562 — All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Confession with Explanation (pages 26–29)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 50:7–23

Describe how God should and should not be worshiped.

We are to call upon God in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

In the Old Testament, people gave sacrifices to God, some even believed that God needed the sacrifices to survive. This is clearly not the case. God paid the ultimate sacrifice Himself by giving His only-begotten son, Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice of our sins. (Atonement means to make satisfaction for or make amends for.)

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 34 (pages 67–68), question 203 (page 179), and question 234 (pages 200–201)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 4:1–15

Who were Cain and Abel's parents? What were the brothers vocations (jobs)? (verse 2)

They both are sons of Adam and Eve. Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd.

Describe the offerings Cain and Abel gave to the LORD? Did their offerings please God? (verses 3–7)

"In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions."

The LORD was pleased with Abel's offering because Abel had faith in God and gave his very best, the firstfruits. God was not pleased with Cain's offering because Cain put himself first instead of God by giving from a later harvest, not the firstfruits.

What happened in verses 9–12?

God was trying to get Cain to confess to murdering his brother Abel. Cain did not confess his sin. God placed a curse on Cain: the ground would only yield in weakness (famine-like crops) to his work, and he would be a fugitive and a wanderer. God also placed a mark on Cain that would keep others from killing Cain.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 18:9–14

What is Jesus warning us about in the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector? (verse 9)

Jesus' warning is to those "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt." We are to not be overly proud (a feeling of immense satisfaction of one's own accomplishments) and look down on others. Our sins are just as bad and disgusting as our neighbor's sins. They are all in need of atonement. Christ Jesus died for you, for me, and for all people.

What was right and wrong with the Pharisee's actions? (verses 11–12)

The Pharisee was RIGHT to pray — Jesus had just told a parable to the effect that [we] ought always to pray and [never] lose heart. (Luke 18:1). The Pharisee was RIGHT not to want to be a sinner, notorious or otherwise. He was RIGHT to fast,

for fasting is certainly a fine outward training (SC VI, 5), a practice which indeed pleases God, as we read elsewhere in Scripture. (Matthew 6:17–18). So too was the Pharisee RIGHT to give his tithe (his tenth) and not to hold back from the LORD, but sacrificially render unto the LORD the firstfruits of all the Pharisee's possessions. In all these things the Pharisee wasn't in the wrong; they are all good things to do and to strive for.

But where the Pharisee went WRONG was in how he looked at what he did — for he did so in such a way that he came to despise others who weren't like him, who weren't in the right like him. If you've been convinced you're right and others are dead wrong, if you believe yourself to be better than them, or you've looked down on them in your heart or spoken evil of them, you are doing WRONG to your neighbor.

How did the Tax Collector look at himself? (verse 13)

The Tax Collector is focused not on his rightness, or on the good things he's done, or his noble intents. He is focused squarely upon the sin, the shame, the failure, the sorrow of his life. He looks into his life with dismay and realizes how often his heart isn't on the things the LORD commands, and how often he fails, and how miserable and sorry his life truly is. This man has no way of looking down on anyone, because he realizes how greatly he himself has failed the LORD. He can only stand afar off and plead: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 224 (pages 193–194)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–10

What is the main gospel lesson taught in this reading? (verses 3–4)

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 125 (pages 127–130) and question 144 (pages 138–139)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Ephesians 2:1–10

Why does God love us? (verses 4–7)

God is rich in mercy and kindness. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 82 (pages 99–100), question 157 (page 150), question 162 (pages 153–154), and question 246 (pages 207–208)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Confession with Explanation and Trinity XI?

We are to plead guilty of all sins before God and ask for forgiveness.