

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

You are the God who works _____ wonders _____; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm _____ redeemed _____ your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. — Psalm 77:14–15'

Blessed is the one whose transgression is _____ forgiven _____, whose sin is covered. _____ Blessed _____ is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. — Psalm 32:1–2

Then turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the _____ eyes _____ that see what you see! For I tell you that many _____ prophets _____ and kings desired to see what you see, and _____ did not _____ see it, and to hear what you _____ hear _____, and did not hear it.” — Luke 10:23–24

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a _____ neighbor _____ to the man who fell among the _____ robbers _____?” He said, “The one who showed him _____ mercy _____.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do _____ likewise _____. — Luke 10:36–37

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INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: Psalm 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

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

Psalm 88:1

Alleluia. O LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #852 — O God of Mercy, God of Might

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Ten Commandments with Explanation (pages 11–14)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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 32

What is David teaching us in this psalm? (verse 5)

This psalm is instructing us to seek confession and absolution of our sins.

Since Jesus died on the cross for our sins, why do we need to confess our sins?

St. John writes: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8) Even though Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we still need to recognize that we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. Confession brings to our remembrance the reason why Jesus died on the cross. St. John goes on to write: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) When we confess our sins, we then, in turn, hear the Gospel (absolution, the forgiveness of sins).

Why do we need to receive absolution?

God wishes to give us all good things.

By His grace (undeserved love and mercy) He sent His only begotten Son to justify (save) us. Through Jesus' death on the cross, all of our sins have been paid for; the Father accepted Jesus' payment for our sins and now sees us as holy (without sin).

So while we are still sinners and we confess that we sin, absolution draws us back to Jesus' death on the cross and how that is wonderful news for us.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 225 (page 194), question 261 (page 218), question 268 (page 221), and question 273 (page 226)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read 2 Chronicles 28:8–15

What connections are there between the Old Testament lesson and the Gospel lesson?

Old Testament: Certain Israelites (Jews) are attacked and left destitute (without food, clothing, shelter, etc.). They are cared for by Samaritans (clothed, fed), and given transportation back to their land (Jericho).

Gospel: A certain Jew heading to Jericho is attacked and left destitute. He is cared for by a Samaritan who bandaged his wounds, provided transportation to a safe haven, and paid for his food and continued care.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 10:23–37

What are the two great Commandments on which all the Law and the Prophets hang? (verse 27)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind — summary of the First Table of the Law.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself — summary of the Second Table of the Law.

Who does the Good Samaritan illustrate?

Jesus is the Good Samaritan.

What does the parable of the Good Samaritan teach us? (verse 37)

This parable teaches us about God and His mercy toward us, rather than merely as something that we ought to do toward our neighbor.

You cannot be merciful until you know the meaning of the mercy that has been given to you. And you don't go out and be merciful in order to gain something for yourself, as the lawyer wrongly thought. You can only be merciful in the wake of you having received mercy yourself, and the inheritance which you know is already yours. So continue to receive the balm, the healing of Christ and His mercy, in His Church. And being filled with that mercy, all the days of your life, then, and only then, go and do likewise.

To paraphrase the words of the Apostle John: if you do not love your neighbor whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen? (1 John 4:20e-f). It's easy to say you love God. Prove it. Show love and compassion for your neighbor. Because that Commandment is like the First.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Galatians 3:15–22

Why do we have the law? (verses 19–21)

We have the law to show us our sin and need of a Savior.

Why is it important that the inheritance comes by the promise and not the law? (verses 21–22)

Only God can give life out of death. The law only condemns.

"For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 288 (pages 233–234)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Ten Commandments with Explanation and Trinity XIII?

God instructs us to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and to love your neighbor as ourselves. God shows us how to love our neighbor by His mercy and love toward us.