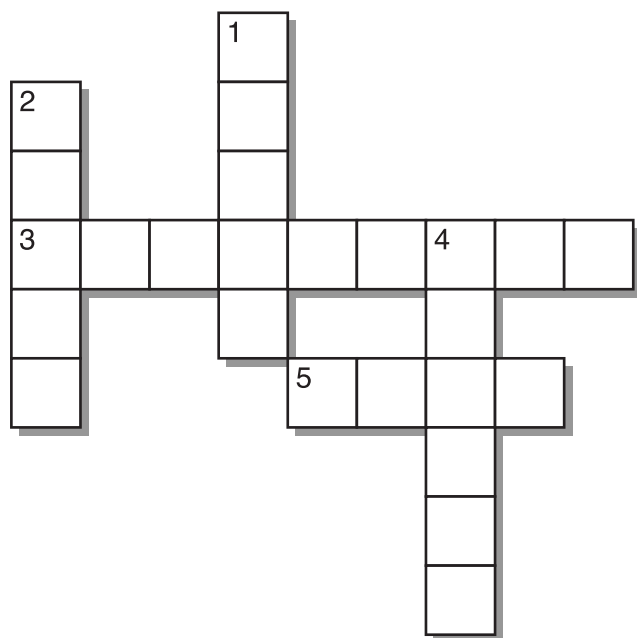


ACROSS

- 3) Words of compassion spoke by Jesus to the widow (Luke 7:11–17) [DO NOT WEEP]
- 5) The town where Jesus rose the widow’s son from the dead (Luke 7:11) [NAIN]

WORD BANK

- DO NOT WEEP
- ELIJAH
- NAIN
- SHEOL
- WIDOW



DOWN

- 1) the grave or death [SHEOL]
- 2) A woman who’s husband has died. [WIDOW]
- 4) An Old Testament prophet who raised the widow’s son from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24) [ELIJAH]



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INTROIT

Psalm 86:1, 67, 12–13; antiphon: Psalm 86:3, 5

Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.
 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
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 115:11

Alleluia. You who fear the LORD; trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #552 – O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life (verses 1, 7–8, and 4)

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Fourth Part (page 25)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 30

Why does David praise the LORD in verses 1–3?

The Lord delivered His believers from their enemies, adversaries, and eternal damnation.

What does verses 4–5 mean?

We are to give thanks and praise to the LORD. When we are in sin God may appear angry; however, the anger does not last long. When we repent, God's endless grace and mercy is bestowed upon us.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read 1 Kings 17:17–24

What did the widow say to Elijah in verse 18?

“What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”

The widow questioned if Elijah (a man of God or prophet) had come to punish her for her sins by the death of her son.

How did Elijah raise the boy from the dead? (verse 19–22)

Elijah took the boy to the upper chamber and laid him on his own bed. He then prayed to God asking for the boy to come back to life, as only God can bring life out of death. God showed mercy, grace, and goodness when He brought the boy back to life.

What happened to the widow's faith? (verse 24)

God used the resurrection (bringing to life from death) of her son to strengthen her faith in Him.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 7:11–17

Why did the woman weep?

The woman wept because not only did her son die, but he was her only son, and she was also a widow (her husband had previously died).

The Lord showed compassion to the widow and told her, “Do not weep.” What does this mean? (verse 13)

“Do not weep,” says the Lord. These are Words of compassion and mercy.

Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, has had compassion on you. He calls the dead to life through Holy Baptism. He freely forgives your sins in Holy Absolution. He feeds you His Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. He has mercy upon you. Cleansed of your sins; hearing His Word; receiving His gifts; believing that He died and rose for you, you too can proclaim with confidence and joy, “God has visited His people.”

How did Christ raise the young man from the dead?

He commanded him with a Word. That was enough. But He also touched the coffin. God has hands, and feet, and eyes, and ears. God took on Flesh to redeem flesh. He has a Body, a Man's Body, now exalted over the heavens. (Hebrews 7:26f). So you hear His saving Word and you have life. But He also touches you, as His Body is laid upon your tongue, and His shed Blood streams into your mouth, that you be saved from death.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Ephesians 3:13–21

Who is St. Paul praying to in this reading? (verse 14)

St. Paul is praying to God, the Father Almighty.

What did St. Paul pray for? (verses 16–19)

St. Paul prays for the Holy Spirit to strengthen the Ephesians' faith, for Christ to continue to dwell in their hearts, and for Christ to be rooted and grounded in love through them.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 96 (pages 109–110) and question 235 (page 201)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection with the Fourth Part of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Trinity XVI?

In Holy Baptism God raises us from death to new life. As we recall our baptism, daily putting to death the old man so that the new man may arise to live before God, the new life He has given us through this Sacrament is revived and enlivened.