

## FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Blessed \_\_\_\_\_ is the nation whose God is the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_,  
the people whom he has \_\_\_\_\_ chosen \_\_\_\_\_ as his heritage! — Psalm 33:12

Argue your case with your neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_\_, and do not reveal  
another's \_\_\_\_\_ secret \_\_\_\_\_, lest he who hears you bring \_\_\_\_\_ shame \_\_\_\_\_  
upon you, and your ill repute have \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ end. — Proverbs 25:9-10

Serve the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ with fear, and \_\_\_\_\_ rejoice \_\_\_\_\_ with trembling.  
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you \_\_\_\_\_ perish \_\_\_\_\_ in the way,  
for his \_\_\_\_\_ wrath \_\_\_\_\_ is quickly kindled. \_\_\_\_\_ Blessed \_\_\_\_\_  
are all who take \_\_\_\_\_ refuge \_\_\_\_\_ in him. — Psalm 2: 11-12

There is one \_\_\_\_\_ body \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ — just as you  
were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_,  
one \_\_\_\_\_ faith \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_ baptism \_\_\_\_\_, one \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Father of \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_, who is over all and through all and in all. — Ephesians 4:4-6

For everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ exalts \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_ humbled \_\_\_\_\_, and he who  
\_\_\_\_\_ humbles \_\_\_\_\_ himself will be \_\_\_\_\_ exalted \_\_\_\_\_.” — Luke 14:11



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# Lambs at Pasture™

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## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Psalm 119:137, 124*

Righteous are you, O LORD,  
**and right are your just decrees.**

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
**and teach me your statutes.**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
**who walk in the law of the LORD!**

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  
**who seek him with their whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
**in keeping your statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame,  
**having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**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](http://www.stluth.org/lap)

## MEMORY VERSE

*Psalm 116:1*

Alleluia. I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Alleluia.

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB #609 — Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

## CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Third Commandment with Explanation (page 12)

## COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 2

What happens to those who plot against God?

Those who plot against God are subject to His wrath and eternal damnation.

Which commandment does this lesson address?

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 95 (pages 107–109)

## TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Proverbs 25:6–14

What do verses 6–7 mean? How does it relate to the Gospel reading (Luke 14:7–11)

Solomon says not to take a higher place at the table than you ought. (Proverbs 25:6–7b). In other words, do not think that you are above what you are.

Jesus teaches by means of the parable of the Great Banquet. “When you’re at a wedding banquet,” Jesus says, “don’t go to the best place, because when someone more honorable than you comes along, you’ll be forced to move and be embarrassed. Go to the lesser seat, so that the host can place you where he believes you should sit.” In other words, it’s not your party. You are the guest, and guests don’t make the rules — determining where and when and how things work. Rather, as a guest, you go where the host tells you to go, and assume the lesser seat. If the host chooses to move you to a higher place, that is his job, not yours.

What does this have to do with faith?

The Christian Faith is not about positioning, making yourself into something you’re not. The fact is, that in God’s eyes you’re a sinner and deserve nothing, or what little you do deserve, is death. But because God, the Great Banquet Host, is merciful and loving, He puts you into a higher place. He gives you the seat of honor, because He loves you, and He, who plunged Himself into your hellish pit that He might raise you up and welcome you next to Him at the best seat of the heavenly table, wants you to feast on the forgiveness He won for you, trusting in His Word: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” It is Christ’s invitation — that is what matters. His death and resurrection are enough. Christ Jesus has done the work to earn your salvation and life, that, in Him, you may rest — here in time and there to all eternity.

## WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 14:1–11

When did Christ heal the man with dropsy? (verses 1–2)

Jesus healed the man with dropsy on the Sabbath. The word Sabbath means rest, and in Jesus, you have a Sabbath-rest. (Hebrews 4:9–10).

How did the lawyers and Pharisees respond to Jesus’ question: “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” (verses 3–4)

The Pharisees and lawyers couldn’t answer Jesus, they remained silent. If they responded that healing was allowed on the Sabbath, they broke their law, for they permitted no work on that day. If they responded that healing wasn’t allowed on the Sabbath, they broke the Law, for God said: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18b).

Answer Jesus’ question in verse 5.

You take care of what you own, no matter the day or the circumstance. If you own something then you take care of it, and you do whatever you need to do to keep it safe.

By way of His healing this man and with His question, Jesus shows you that God owns you. You are His because you were baptized into His Name. You are a part of God’s family, adopted by the Father by grace on account of your Brother, His Son. You are God’s child, and He has promised to take care of you. He has promised to pull you out of the pit and put you back on dry ground, keeping you eternally safe with Him.

## THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Ephesians 4:1–6

What is St. Paul teaching in this lesson?

Do not think that you are above what you are, and treat your neighbor with love and kindness. Each and everyone one of us is in this together. All of us, indeed all of mankind, is without hope of life without God. And to those He has called through water and Word, He calls into the one Faith. You may have different work to do here on earth from another, but before God, all are the same. There is only one difference worthy of note: either you are His child by faith, or you’re not.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 91 (pages 103–104), question 171 (pages 158–159), question 206 (page 181), question 210 (pages 182–183), question 252 (pages 211–212), and question 279 (pages 228–229)

## CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Third Commandment with Explanation and Trinity XVII?

The Sabbath is about healing and forgiveness. And how does God give you healing and forgiveness? He gives it to in the hearing and preaching of His Word. He absolves you; reminds you that He has put His Name upon you, and that whatever is His is yours. He feeds you at His eternal Banquet with His very Body and Blood, given and shed for you upon the Cross. That’s the point. That’s what the Sabbath is about. The Sabbath is about God giving you something. He gives you Himself for the forgiveness of sins.