

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Color and write in what God made or happened on each day of creation.

Day and Night

Heavens or Sky

Dry Land, Plants, and Trees

Stars, Moon, and Sun

Sea Animals and Flying Birds

Land Animals and People

God rested

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INTROIT

Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical text

The whole world is in your power;

O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you.

For you have made heaven and earth;

you are Lord of all!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord!

Confirm to your servant your promise,

that you may be feared.

Turn away the reproach that I dread,

for your just decrees are good.

Behold, I long for your precepts;

in your righteousness give me life!

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 125:1

Alleluia. Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #553 – O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer with Explanation (page 22)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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 8

Describe man's role for being created by God. (verses 3–8)

Like the rest of creation, man is a created being; his role in creation is to be created (and sustained) by the Word of God. Yet man stands out above the rest of creation, as the crown jewel of God's creation, for all that was created, save man, was created to serve man. The fish, birds, and beasts; the grass, trees, and seed-bearing plants; the sun, moon, and stars — all were created for man by a good and abundantly giving God. Man, as we also learn from the Old Testament lesson, was given dominion (lordship or ruling) over creation. While this lordship has suffered from the Fall, man still exercises his lordship over creation.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 1:1–2:3

List what God did on each day of creation.

The First Day: God created the heavens and the earth, and when He spoke, He separated the light from the darkness (day and night).

The Second Day: God spoke the expanse (Heaven or sky) into existence.

The Third Day: God spoke the dry land, plants, and trees into existence.

The Fourth Day: God spoke the stars, moon, and sun into existence.

The Fifth Day: God spoke the sea animals and flying birds into existence.

The Sixth Day: God spoke the land animals and people into existence.

The Seventh Day: God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He rested from all His work that He had done. It was very good.

What instruction did God give Adam and Eve? (verse 28)

Be fruitful and multiply — Men and women are to have children; it is the Will of God and with His blessing that we receive this gift and responsibility.

Have dominion over all other beings that God made.

Does God's instructions to Adam and Eve still pertain to us today?

Yes.

“Genesis 1:28 teaches that people were created to be fruitful, and that one sex should desire the other in a proper way. We are not speaking about lustful desire, which is sin, but about that appetite that was in nature in its perfection. They call this physical love. This love of one sex for the other is truly a divine ordinance” (*Apology of the Augsburg Confession*, article XXIII, par. 7).

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 55 (pages 81–82), question 97 (page 110), question 100 (pages 111–112), question 101 (page 113), question 102 (pages 113–114), question 104 (page 114), and question 155 (pages 148–149)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 4:46–54

How did Jesus heal the man's son who is near death? (verse 50)

Jesus spoke it. He said, “Go; your son will live.”

What does this miracle (healing of his son) do to the man's faith?

The man's faith is strengthened by Christ's Word here, to the point that he believes that which by human reason is unbelievable — his son lives though he was near death. This faith, is saving faith. Note: The Greek word here used for “lives” is the word tied to the resurrected life, that is, lives eternally. Much like Abraham who believes God will make good on His Promise through Isaac even though he is to be sacrificed, so too this man believes his son will live, despite all. The physical healing of the son remains secondary to the fact that the son will live eternally. So it is with us. Physical healing takes a second seat to eternal healing. Though we may die, because of faith in Christ, yet shall we live (John 11:25).

What are some of the signs and wonders Jesus Christ did out of His love for us?

Jesus' love is beyond belief. Sinful man cannot believe the love of God except signs and wonders accompany it. Behold the wonders: God became man, was crucified, died, and was buried; on the Third Day He rose from the dead, has ascended, and promised to return. Behold the signs: Baptism saves, not as the removal of the filth of the flesh, but as a pledge of a good conscience toward God (1 Peter 3:21); the Word of God absolves — remits, looses (John 20:23; Matthew 16:19); Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, are given for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26; Small Catechism. The Sacrament of the Altar).

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Ephesians 6:10–17

Describe the armor of God. (verses 13–17)

Stand firm in your faith and be equipped with: a belt of truth, a breastplate of righteousness, shoes that deliver the gospel of peace, a shield of faith, a helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Why is it important to wear the full armor of God?

St. Paul is reminding us that the Ancient Foe (the Devil) attacks on many fronts, and if we leave off part of the armor of God, we expose ourselves, and leave ourselves open to those attacks, which might and most likely will become fatal.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 100 (pages 111–112) and question 230 (pages 197–198)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer with Explanation and Trinity XXI?

We pray that God will rescue us from every evil and keep us with Him eternally.