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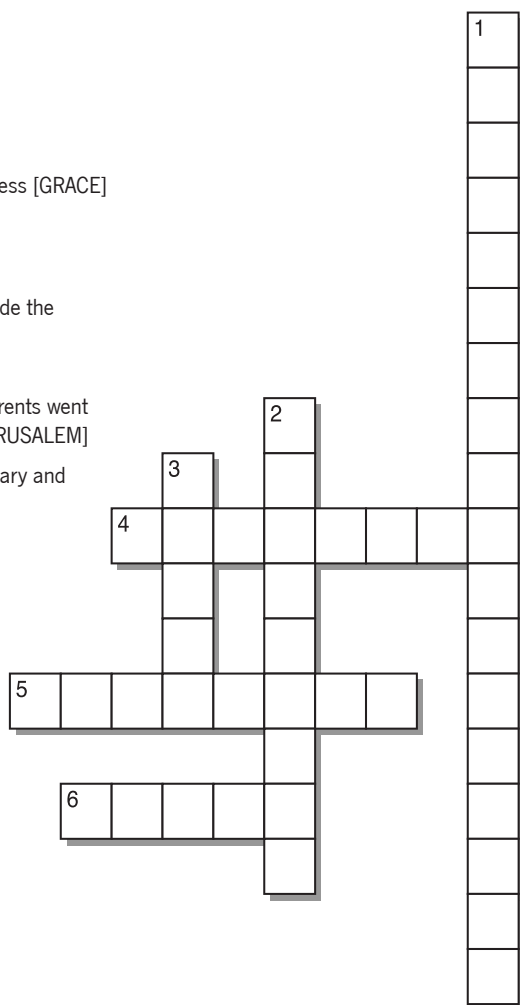
- 4) A winged angel [CHERUBIM]
- 5) A promise [COVENANT]
- 6) Underserved mercy and forgiveness [GRACE]

DOWN

- 1) The two stone tablets placed inside the Ark of the Covenant [THE TEN COMMANDMENTS]
- 2) The city where Jesus and His parents went to for the Feast of the Passover [JERUSALEM]
- 3) The number of days it took for Mary and Joseph to find Jesus [THREE]

WORD BANK

- CHERUBIM
- COVENANT
- GRACE
- JERUSALEM
- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
- THREE



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First Sunday after the Epiphany

2018

INTROIT

Psalm 100; antiphon: Isaiah 6:1; Revelation 19:6

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up;
and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, crying out,
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,
 and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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 100:1-2a

Alleluia. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #410 – Within the Father's House

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Fourth Commandment with Explanation (page 12)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; 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 50:1–15

What did God instruct in verse 5?

That His faithful ones be gathered to Him and be witnesses to His judgment.

Describe how God's people were worshiping Him. (verses 7–13)

They were offering sacrifices apart from faith; they were just going through the motions. The sacrificial system was never intended to be the sum and substance of their faith, but as a signpost, an act done in faith of the promise that God would provide His own offering to cover their sins. They had forgotten this, and turned inward, comforting themselves not in the promise of God, but by their own observance of the sacrificial system. Any sacrifice that is given to the glory (the building or puffing up) of oneself is not acceptable to God.

Ex opere operato — Latin phrase literally meaning: “from the work worked”, more fluidly meaning: “by the mere outward performance of the act”.

What do verses 14–15 mean?

Sacrifices may be given out of gratitude (thanksgiving) and praise. We are to call upon God in any and all trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. Only God will deliver (save) us.

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

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read 1 Kings 8:6–13

Describe where the priests brought the ark of the covenant. (verse 6)

The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of a cherubim.

What was inside the Ark? (verse 9)

Two tablets of stone (The Ten Commandments) were placed inside by Moses at Horeb.

What happened when the priest came out of the Holy Place? (verses 10–11)

A cloud filled the house of the LORD (temple). This was God's glory, He dwelt among them.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 2:41–52

Where did Jesus and His parents go every year for the Feast of the Passover? (verse 41)

Jerusalem

What did Jesus and His parents do after the Feast of the Passover? (verses 43–45)

Mary and Joseph went with the group to return home. However, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without Mary and Joseph's knowledge. Once they realized Jesus was not with the group, they returned to Jerusalem to search for Him.

How long did it take Mary and Joseph to find their Son? Where was He? What was He doing? (verse 46)

It took 3 days for Mary and Joseph to find Jesus. He was in the His Father's house, the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 12:1–5

What does this lesson mean?

Verse 1 — We are to dedicate our lives to the Lord.

Verse 2 — Do not conform to worldly standards, but live in a way that is God pleasing (follow God's Law, the Ten Commandments).

Verse 3 — God gives us grace (undeserved mercy and forgiveness). We are to be humble (not think too highly of ourselves) and recognize that our talents are blessings (gifts) from the God.

Verses 4–5 — Everyone has their own purpose and gifts; together, we are one body.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 171 (pages 158–159)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Fourth Commandment with Explanation and the First Sunday after the Epiphany?

God places parents and other authorities over us that we may learn to live devout and honest lives.