

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Decode the Scripture verse.

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 G L O R I O U S L Y;  
 L E T T H I S B E  
 M A D E K N O W N T O  
 A L L T H E E A R T H .

Isaiah 12:5 ESV

A B C D E F G H I  
 J K L M N O P Q R  
 S T U V W X Y Z



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Cantate – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

2017

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Psalm 98:1a, 2b

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,  
 for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.  
 His right hand and his holy arm  
 have worked salvation for him.  
 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
 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.  
 Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,  
 for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at [www.stluth.org/lap](http://www.stluth.org/lap)

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 118:16, Romans 6:9

Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Cantate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Cantate Domino), meaning “Sing to the LORD.” (Psalm 98:1)

## MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 66:1-8

What can be said about God? (verses 1-4)

God is so great that all of creation worships and praises Him. And, so great is His power that His enemies come cringing to Him.

What two Biblical accounts does verse 6 reference?

The parting of the Red Sea for His people Israel to cross on dry ground. (Exodus 14:22)

Israel crosses the Jordan during a flood with the ark of the covenant. (Joshua 3:14-17)

## TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 12:1-6

What are the characteristics of the LORD GOD described in verse 2?

God is my salvation, He saves us. God is trust-worthy, He keeps His promises.

What does it mean to “draw water from the wells of salvation”?

Luther: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. After the word of the Gospel has been preached and the voice of rejoicing has sounded forth, there follows the discernment of spirits and the distribution of the gifts of the Spirit of which 1 Corinthians 12:4 speaks. Christ says in John 7:38: “He who believes in Me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.” Waters denote the Holy Spirit, as in John 4:10. In the noonday heat spring water and running water are the most refreshing. So it is in the scorching heat of sin. The comfort of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God is then most sweet. The wells of salvation are the Gospel, sermons about Christ in various places, or even the preachers of the Gospel. In that day, when the waters will have flowed out to many because the Gospel has already been preached, there will follow also in others the praise, that is, the sacrifice which you have.

## WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 16:5-15

Who is the Helper? (verse 7)

The Holy Spirit

What will the Holy Spirit convict the world of? Why? (verses 8-10)

Sin (of unbelief because they do not believe in Jesus), righteousness (because Jesus goes to the Father and they will no longer see Him), and judgment (because the ruler of this world is judged).

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 148 (page 141-142)

## THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read James 1:16-21

What is verse 17 telling us?

God provides our Daily Bread (everything that we need).

The Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer’s explanation tells us: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

What is meant by “quick to hear” and “slow to speak”? (verse 19)

“We should be more inclined to hear God’s Word than to speak.” (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, page 191)

What is meant by “slow to anger”?

We are not to be quick to show wrath, but show mercy.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 93 (pages 105-107) and question 235 (pages 200-201)

## CATECHISM CONNECTION

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What is the connection of the Third Article of the Creed with Explanation and Cantate?

The gospel lesson shows us the role of the Holy Spirit.