

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

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INTROIT

Psalm 27:3-4a; antiphon: Psalm 27:1-2

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

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 9:4b, 9

Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #696 – O God, My Faithful God

CATECHISM CONNECTION: Eighth Commandment with Explanation (page 13)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 138

How did God help David in verse 3?

God answered David's prayer and gave him strength of soul (inner strength).

What does David pray for in this psalm? (verse 4)

David prays for all the kings of the earth (earthly rulers) and their subjects/citizens to give thanks and praise the Lord.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Genesis 50:15-21

What was Joseph's brothers worried about after their father had died? (verse 15)

The brothers were afraid that Joseph would hate them and pay them back for all the evil that they had done to him.

What message did the brothers send Joseph? (verses 16-17)

"Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."

Why did Joseph weep (cry) after getting the message?

Joseph's brothers did not believe that he had forgiven them.

What did Joseph say to his brothers? (verse 19-21)

Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones."

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 110 (pages 117-118)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 6:36-42

What is the meaning of this Gospel lesson?

We are to be merciful and forgive others.

Do not judge or condemn others. What Jesus is condemning here, in this Gospel, is a double standard. You can't hold others to a higher standard than you hold yourself to. And the standard by which you are held to are not some petty rules, but rather God's holy Law — Law that does not bend, Law that does not allow for loopholes, Law by which all stand condemned; God's holy Law which you break time and time again.

And neither is it your job to stand as judge, jury and executioner over your neighbor. That is God's place. Your job, when it comes to your neighbor, is to defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way (SC. I: 8) — whether it's your family, your friends, or even and especially your enemies.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 61 (pages 87-88)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Romans 8:18-23

What are the firstfruits of the Spirit? (verse 23)

The first blessings of the Holy Spirit. Like the firstfruits of the harvest indicate more harvest is to come, future blessings from the Holy Spirit is to come as well.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 190 (pages 170-172)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

Romans 12:14-21

How are we to overcome evil with good?

We are to love our neighbor as yourself. We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. (Explanation of the 5th Commandment)

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 52 (pages 77-79) and question 54 (pages 80-81)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Eighth Commandment with Explanation and Trinity IV?

The overall theme of Trinity IV is to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give False testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.