

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following ESV Scripture verses.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take _____ **refuge** _____. — Psalm 16:1

You make known to me the path of _____ **life** _____; in your presence there is fullness of _____ **joy** _____; at your right hand are pleasures _____ **forevermore** _____. — Psalm 16:11

Do not repay _____ **evil** _____ for evil or _____ **reviling** _____ for reviling, but on the contrary, _____ **bless** _____, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a _____ **blessing** _____. — 1 Peter 3:9

For the _____ **foolishness** _____ of God is _____ **wiser** _____ than men, and the _____ **weakness** _____ of God is _____ **stronger** _____ than men. — 1 Corinthians 1:25

And _____ **Jesus** _____ said to Simon, “Do not be _____ **afraid** _____; from now on you will be _____ **catching** _____ men.” And when they had brought their _____ **boats** _____ to land, they _____ **left** _____ everything and _____ **followed** _____ him. — Luke 5:10b-11



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INTROIT

Psalm 27:1a, 11–12, 14; antiphon: Psalm 27:7, 9b

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

O you who have been my help,

forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Wait for the LORD;

Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 21:1

Alleluia. O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #688 — “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

CATECHISM CONNECTION: Confession with Explanation (pages 26–29)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 16

What does verse 2 mean?

All good things come from God.

What does verse 4 mean?

Those who chase false idols will not be saved.

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

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read 1 Kings 19:11–21

What three great and powerful things was the LORD not present in? (verses 11–12)

The LORD was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire.

How did the LORD reveal Himself? (verse 12)

The Lord appeared as the sound of a low whisper.

What did the LORD tell Elijah to do? (verses 15–17)

Elijah was to return to the desert of Damascus and anoint Hazael king over Syria, Jehu King over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to succeed (replace) him as prophet.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Luke 5:1–11

What was Jesus doing at the Lake of Gennesaret? (verse 1) What were the fishermen doing? (verse 2)

Jesus was teaching or preaching the Word of God to the people on the shore.

The fishermen were washing their nets after fishing all night without a single catch.

What did Jesus instruct Simon to do when he finished speaking from the boat? (verse 4) How did Simon react?

For when the Lord said to Simon: “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon Peter faltered in the Faith. After toiling all night and catching not a single fish, from beside the recently cleaned and now nicely stowed away nets, Peter sighs out: “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” You’d better watch what happens when the Word of God sounds forth.

What happened when Simon put the nets down at the Word of God? (verses 6–8)

For this is the same Word, of the same Lord, who said: “Let there be light,” and there was light (Genesis 1:3); Who said: “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures” (Genesis 1:20)... and it was so.

He created, by the same Word, those fish that He drew into the nets that day. So many, that the net broke and they had to beckon to their partners in the other ship to help them pull the net up.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Peter 3:8–15

How should we, Christians, react in times of persecution? (verses 14–15)

We should not fear, for the Lord is with us and gives us strength, forgiveness, and everlasting life.

Review *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 179 (pages 162–164)

Optional Reading & Discussion Question

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

How is Christ the “power of God” and the “wisdom of God”?

It is through Christ’s death on the cross that God gives us salvation. The wisdom of God is God’s Word. Through the Holy Spirit, we have the wisdom or knowledge that Jesus Christ is our Savior.

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Confession with Explanation and Trinity V?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.