

# At Home In The Word

## Spiritually Vibrant Homes: "Homes of Eternal Love"

Week Of October 26 - November 1, 2020  
Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas

*Repetition yields memorization, contemplation, and deeper understanding. Draw from these scriptures, prayers, catechetical materials, and hymn(s) throughout your week of personal and family devotion, prayer, or homeschool family instruction. Then let them resonate in new ways as we all gather together in worship on Sunday.*

### MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:12

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven"

### MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 130:3-6

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

### FIRST READING

(God will wipe away every tear) Revelation 7:2-17

### SECOND READING

(We are God's beloved Children) 1 John 3:1-3

### HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus' followers are blessed now because of His sure promises.) Matthew 5:1-12

### PRAYER

Gracious Lord, Your mercies never fail us, and daily You provide for all the needs of this life and everlasting life in Christ. Keep us from being ungrateful for Your love and care and from taking Your gifts without a thankful heart to receive Your generosity. Grant to us healing, strength, comfort, and peace, that we live in such confidence of the eternal gifts Your Son has given us that we not despair or grow weary in faith but be found faithful when He comes again in glory to bring all things to their fullness.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, Third Article and Explanation

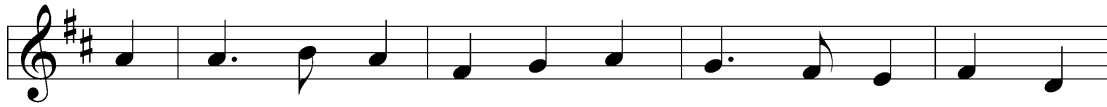
"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

**PRAYER HYMN**

"We Praise You, O God" v.1-2 LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.

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**GOSPEL HYMN**

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.

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