

# At Home In The Word

## "We Pray, 'Come Lord Jesus'"

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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

1 Corinthians 1:7

"You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ"

### MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 25:1-2

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Rend the heavens and come down) Isaiah 64:1-9

### EPISTLE READING

(We wait. God is faithful.) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

### GOSPEL READING

(The triumphal entry) Mark 11:1-10

### CATECHISM

*About Confession*

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

*What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

*What do you believe according to these words?*

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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.

## MORNING PRAYER

(Luther)

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

## PRAYER HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come" v.1,6 LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

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## GOSPEL HYMN

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" v.1-2,5



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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