

At Home In The Word

"God's Great Shake-Up"

Week Of November 30 – December 6, 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

Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 85:7–9

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Comfort for God's people) Isaiah 40:1–11

EPISTLE READING

(The day of the Lord will come.) 2 Peter 3:8–14

GOSPEL READING

(John the Baptist prepares the way.) Mark 1:1–8

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Gracious God and Father, though Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to bring us Your heavenly peace, violence and conflict still rage among Your children on earth. Bring a restoration of calm and security, and heal the wounds that have been inflicted. Grant that we all may live together in unity and peace, and let all hatred and ill will be remembered no more. Give us that peace which the world cannot give, and grant us grace that, delivered from all conflict and strife, we may live in harmony and safety, and finally, having gained the eternal rest of the saints in glory, may praise and bless, worship and glorify You forever. **Amen.**

CATECHISM

About the Lord's Prayer, The Seventh Petition

"But deliver us from evil."

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

PRAYER HYMN

"Abide With Me" LSB 878 sts. 1-2, 5



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!

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GOSPEL HYMN

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks,
 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.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

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