

At Home In The Word

"Tell Our Great Family Story"

Week Of December 14-20, 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

Psalm 89:1

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever"

MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
²For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
³You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
⁴I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations."

CATECHISM

Lord's Prayer, The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come. (*Your kingdom come.*)

What does this mean? - The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? - God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

CATECHISM

Lord's Prayer, The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil. (*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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The Lord's covenant with David) 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

EPISTLE

(Glory to the God who strengthens us through the mystery of Christ) Romans 16:25-27

HOLY GOSPEL

(The birth of Jesus foretold) Luke 1:26-38

PRAYER

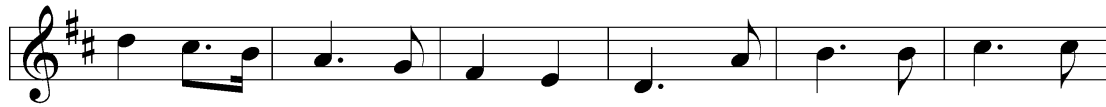
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Strengthen Your gift of faith in us, and keep us by Your power to be Your own.

PRAYER

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the Virgin Mary. Grant us grace to put aside all earthly cares so that we may celebrate His coming among us with holy joy.

GOSPEL HYMN

"Joy to the World" v.1,3-4 Lutheran Service Book 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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PRAYER HYMN

"O Lord, how shall I meet You" LSB 334 v. 1,4 (sung to tune of "The Church's One Foundation")

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
 How welcome You aright?
 Your people long to greet You,
 My hope, my heart's delight!
 O kindle, Lord most holy,
 Your lamp within my breast
 To do in spirit lowly
 All that may please You best.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
 Love brought You down to me.
 Your thirst for my salvation
 Procured my liberty.
 Oh, love beyond all telling,
 That led You to embrace
 In love, all love excelling,
 Our lost and fallen race.

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