

At Home In The Word

“United in God’s Favor”

Week Of January 4-10, 2021
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

Mark 1:8

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 29:1–4

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

OLD TESTAMENT

(God creates the heavens and the earth.) Genesis 1:1–5

EPISTLE

(We are baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection.) Romans 6:1–11

GOSPEL

(Jesus is baptized by John.) Mark 1:4–11

CATECHISM

about Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God? - Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, at the Baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Unite us to Christ, that we may daily die to sin and arise to newness of life, so that we might share the truth of Your Gospel.

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

GOSPEL HYMN

"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy" v.1-3 LSB 590



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.

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PRAYER HYMN

"Thy Strong Word" v.1,5 LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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