

At Home In The Word

"Don't Be Afraid"

Week Of March 29 – April 4, 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 FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

John 13:35

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

MEMORY VERSE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 53:4

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"

MEMORY VERSE FOR RESURRECTION DAY

Isaiah 25:8

"He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces"

CATECHISM

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

OLD TESTAMENT

(He will swallow up death forever.)

Isaiah 25:6-9

EPISTLE

(Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

HOLY GOSPEL

(He is risen; He is not here!)

Mark 16:1-8

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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. Amen.

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.

EASTER HYMNS

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Lutheran Service Book 457

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v.1-3,5,7 LSB 461

2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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