At Home In The Word

"Lord, Save My Family"

Week Of May 31 – June 6, 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 Psalm 130:5

"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope"

MEMORY PSALM Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

The Apostle's Creed, Second Article

Genesis 3:8-15

Mark 3:20-35

"And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead."

What does this mean? - I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OLD TESTAMENT EPISTLE HOLY GOSPEL

(God's promise of the Offspring who would restore us to Him.) (We have a home with God, "eternal in the heavens.") 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 ("Who are My mother and My brothers?")

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, when sin had stolen us from You and held us captive to death, You determined to restore the family You had made and sent forth Your own Son to win us back into Your family. Grant us grace that we rejoice in this gift and be sustained through forgiveness until we dwell with You on high. Amen.

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.

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. Amen.

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