

At Home In The Word

"Love in the Wilderness"

Week of November 29 – December 5, 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

Philippians 1:6

"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion"

CATECHISM

Confession

What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts. *Which are these?* Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm? *What is the Office of the Keys?* The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent. *Where is this written?* This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

OLD TESTAMENT

(Malachi tells of a messenger, fulfilled in John the Baptist.) Malachi 3:1–7b

EPISTLE

(Be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.) Philippians 1:2–11

GOSPEL

(John the Baptist urges everyone to repent, and he points to Jesus.) Luke 3:1–20

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.

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.

CANON

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" OAR 176

Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre-

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of the canon, with circled numbers 1 and 2 above the notes. The second staff contains the melody for the next two lines, with circled numbers 3 and 4 above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v.1 LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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- 2 Forgive us, Lord, for times when peace was lost, And moments when we never thought to love,
For times when we oppress and offend And fight for things that kill us in the end.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins And help us be in peace with all our kin.

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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,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.

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ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"Thy Word is a Lamp" LSB 973

"He Will Hold Me Fast" OAR 283