

# At Home In The Word

## "A Father's Joy"

Week Of June 13-19, 2022  
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

"You are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

### MEMORY PSALM

<sup>20</sup>You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;  
from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.  
<sup>21</sup>You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

Psalms 71:20–21

### CATECHISM

Apostle's Creed, The First Article:

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." - *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

The Fourth Commandment:

"Honor your father and your mother." - *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

### OLD TESTAMENT

(Though many will prefer idols and hate God, some will rejoice in His salvation) Isaiah 65:1–9

### EPISTLE

(Children and heirs of salvation) Galatians 3:23–4:7

### HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus heals a man with demons.) Luke 8:26–39

### PRAYERS

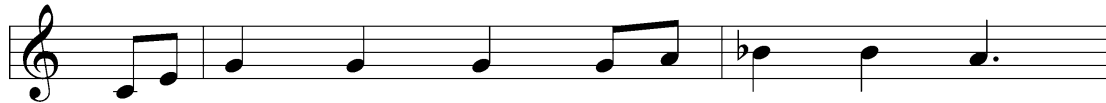
Lord Jesus Christ, You are the victor over all we face in this world. You are the destroyer of all things eternally harmful. Free us from the power of sin, death, and Satan, and all that binds us. Enable and equip us to serve You and our neighbors with joy and gladness.

We pray for our families: We pray for fathers, that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace; for mothers, that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work and duties; and for children, that they grow in the faith in which You have called them through Baptism, heirs of Your promises, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

**HYMNS**

"In Christ There Is No East or West" LSB 653



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.

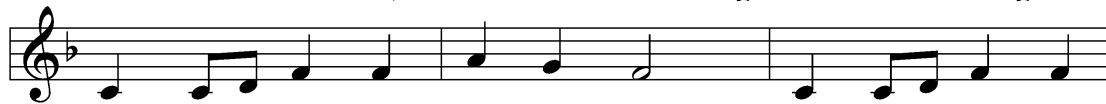
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**HYMN**

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" v.1,3 LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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1 Thank you, Lord, for faithful fathers blessed with the imprint of Your grace;  
Grant them strength and deep compassion Teaching their children all Your ways.

Ref. Lord, we pray abundant blessing on these men whom you Have called.  
Be their Father, Savior, Helper Showering grace on them and all.

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**ADDITIONAL HYMNS:** "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825; "Speak, O Lord" One And All Rejoice 251; "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" LSB 946; "What is This Bread" LSB 629; "Amazing Grace" LSB 744; "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" LSB 570; "Be Still My Soul" LSB 752; "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849