

# At Home In The Word

## "Miraculous Joy"

Week Of December 5-11, 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

Isaiah 35:10

"They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

### MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 146:3-4

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

### CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer, Seventh Petition

"But deliver us from evil." *What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The desert shall rejoice and blossom.) Isaiah 35

### EPISTLE READING

(An encouragement for Christians to wait for the Lord with patience) James 5:7-11

### GOSPEL READING

(Jesus speaks about John the Baptist.) Matthew 11:2-15

### PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious presence

O Emmanuel, Breathe into Your Church anew this Advent Season Your Holy Spirit that we might live your victory and be a sign of your peace to the lost and the lonely, the broken hearted and broken in spirit, the despairing and dying.

Breathe into us the vitality and vision to reach out to our communities with the eternal Gospel of Your Kingdom coming in joy and peace.

### 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.

### LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

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.

## HYMNS

### "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 537



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907, alt.; Tune: Swedish; Text and tune: Public domain

### "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51; Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820; Text and tune: Public domain

### "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357

### "Magnificat" One and All Rejoice (OAR) 358

### "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

### "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" LSB 784

### "Luther's Morning Prayer" OAR 289