

At Home In The Word

"Freedom in Christ"

Week Of December 12-18, 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

Matthew 1:21

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 118:24-26

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

CATECHISM

The Apostle's Creed, Third Article

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen." *What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(The birth of Immanuel is prophesied.) Isaiah 7:10-17

EPISTLE READING

(You are called to belong to Jesus Christ) Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL READING I

(The telling of the birth of Jesus) Matthew 1:18-25

GOSPEL READING II

Luke 2:1-20

PRAYERS

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with Your abiding presence.

By the power of Your Spirit, direct our lives to expressions of repentant joy.

Bless our devotion and our prayers, and lead us in ways of faithfulness as we await Your final coming in glory.

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.

EVENING PRAYER

(Martin Luther)

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.

HYMNS

"Hark the Glad Sound" Lutheran Service Book 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.

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

"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.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.; Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth; Text and tune: Public domain

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (LSB) 338

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (sung to tune of LSB 644)

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" v.1 LSB 398 (sung to tune of LSB 644)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" LSB 361

"Away in A Manger" LSB 364

"In the Bleak Midwinter" LSB 184

"What is this Bread" LSB 629

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

"Savior of the Nations Come" LSB 332