

At Home In The Word

"Another Year of Grace"

Week Of December 26-January 1, 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:

Numbers 6:24

"The LORD bless you and keep you"

MEMORY PSALM

Psalm 8:3-5

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

CATECHISM

The 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

(God puts His name on the people through the Aaronic blessing) Numbers 6:22-27

EPISTLE

(The Law and the promise) Galatians 3:23-29

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus is circumcised and named.) Luke 2:21

PRAYERS

Ever-present God, You are Lord of our past, our present, and our future. We know that all we need for this body and life and all we would ever need for the peace of our souls in the forgiveness of sins comes from You. We praise You for Your care in the past year and for Your gracious promises in this new year assured in Christ.

Ever-living God, we know that no matter the year or new beginnings, we are not strangers to Christ's words, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." In times of tribulation, grant us Your peace. In times of trials, grant us a confident faith. In times of troubles, remind us of Your living presence and draw us to Your Word and Means of Grace. We praise you, Lord, for the gifts of grace You supply for our every need each year and each day.

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be" v.1,6 Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



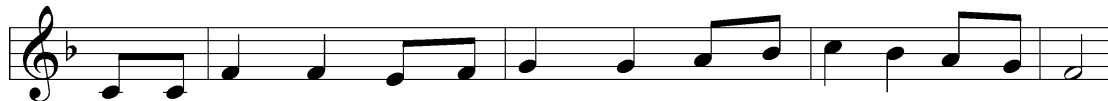
Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79; Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870; Text and tune: Public domain

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" v.1-5 LSB 896

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Lutheran Service Book 379

"Speak, O Lord" One and All Rejoice 251

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641

"Away in a Manger" LSB 364

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380