

At Home In The Word

"Seasoned With Salt"

Week Of February 20-26, 2023
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

Colossians 4:6

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 32:5

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CATECHISM

Christian Questions with Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?*
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.
5. *Do you hope to be saved?* Yes, that is my hope.
6. *In whom then do you trust?* In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT

2 Kings 2:19–22

EPISTLE

Colossians 4:2–6

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–16

PRAYERS

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

(Martin Luther)

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 "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 418

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, 1930; Tune: The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635, Edinburgh; Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005077; Tune: Public domain

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" v.1,3 LSB 783

1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

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

"Create in Me" LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12; Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.; Text and tune: Public domain

"In Christ Alone" One and All Rejoice (OAR) 241

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" OAR 203

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" LSB 920

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611