

At Home In The Word

"Lead Me Here and To Heaven"

Week Of April 24-30, 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

1 Peter 2:25

"You were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd"

MEMORY PSALM

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CATECHISM

The Lord's Prayer: Second and Third Petitions

"Thy kingdom come." *Your kingdom come. - What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." *Your will be done on earth as in heaven. - What does this mean?*

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. *How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

FIRST READING (Devoted to the Apostles' teaching, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of the bread) Acts 2:42-47

EPISTLE READING (We are returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.) 1 Peter 2:19-25

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus is the door of the sheep.) John 10:1-10

PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who has brought together sheep from every tribe, nation, and language to be one flock ever following You. Strengthen us to devote ourselves to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship.

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. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" v.1 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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"Dona Nobis Pacem" One and All Rejoice (OAR) 288

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ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" v.1-3 One and All Rejoice (OAR) 215
"There is a Higher Throne" OAR 269
"Day By Day" OAR 278