

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 20:29, 30; 62:11; Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17**

Daughter of | Zion,*
 behold, surely your salvation is | coming.
The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to be heard,*
 and you shall have glad- | ness of heart. (Isaiah 20:29, 30; 62:11)
Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
 You who lead Jacob | like a flock.
Restore | us, O God:*
 cause Your face to shine, and we | shall be saved!
Return, we beseech You, O | God of Hosts,*
 look down from heav- | en and see.
Let Your hand be upon the Man of Your | right hand,*
 upon the Son of Man whom You made strong | for Yourself.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Romans 15:4**
“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son that by His coming we may be given to serve You with cleansed minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee** TLH 58, LSB 334
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| <p>1. O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.</p> <p>2. Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.</p> | <p>4. Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.</p> |
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“The Lord is Yet To Come Again”

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

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.

3 PRAY THE 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.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. 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.

Evening. 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. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Lord is Yet to Come Again**

“The End is near!” Some people are filled with fear and anxiety when they hear this message. Others scoff and dismiss any talk about the end of the world. We Christians, however, ought to take the Bible’s teachings about the Last Day seriously, both as a warning and as a message of hope. Let us therefore heed the Word of God, which was written for our instruction, that we might endure and be encouraged and have hope. Through true and godly repentance, empowered by the Word and Sacraments, we will be ready to straighten up and raise our heads when Christ our Redemption returns in glory to judge both the living and the dead.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 21:25-36 – Christ Is Surely Coming**

“Concerning that day and hour [of the end] no one knows.” The End will most certainly come, though; there must be no doubt about that. Not only do we see the signs that Jesus named in the heavens and on the earth, but even more, we have His clear Word: “Heaven and earth will pass away.” Let us therefore stay awake and pray, not with fear and foreboding but with joy and confidence. For Christ our Redemption has vowed to come, and according to His unfailing promise His Word will never pass away. *Lord Jesus, grant us strength to escape all that will take place and to stand before You on the Last Day. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 42 – Proceeding to the House of God**

How natural it is to doubt God in times of suffering! The devil, the world, and the sinful flesh are quick to ask, “Where is your God? Either He is angry with you, or He cares nothing for you, or He does not exist at all.” Dear Christians, do not listen to them. Instead, like the psalmist, go to the House of God in times of mourning and oppression. For there you will find God’s Word, which strengthens you even in times of sorrow to hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, your Salvation and your God. *O God, save us from the oppression of our enemy and command us with Your steadfast love. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 15:4-13 – The Encouragement of the Scriptures**

This passage contains one of the five useful applications of Scripture. Along with “teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness,” as found in 1 Timothy 3:16, here the Apostle Paul writes that Scripture is profitable for our “encouragement.” Note that the encouragement of Scripture is directly connected to instruction, endurance, and hope. The pure doctrine of the Gospel strengthens us to bear our crosses in this life with patience, looking forward with joy and confidence to that day when we will see our Savior face to face. What greater encouragement can there be than that? *O God, comfort us by the pure doctrine of Your holy Word, that we might bear our trials with patience, looking forward to the eternal glories of heaven, Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Micah 4:1-7 – The Peace of God’s Kingdom**

Micah foretold the birth of Christ, who would “be Ruler in Israel.” (5:2) His reign would be no earthly kingdom but a spiritual one. He who was born in Bethlehem would suffer and die to reconcile the world to God. He sent forth preachers to proclaim the Good News of His salvation to every nation. Those who hear this Gospel and believe it, without ever leaving their homelands, are those who flow to the mountain of the Lord and learn His ways that they may walk in His paths. They are the ones who possess true peace, even on earth. *O Lord our God, grant that we walk in Your Name forever and ever. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 1:26-35 – The Promise Fulfilled**

Soon after the Fall, God gave the first promise of the Savior, who would be the woman’s Offspring. Sin and death came into the world through one man, but through one Man, the last Adam, born of woman, justification and life would abound for many. In the fullness of time, God kept His promise, and the Son of God became Man. The Holy Spirit, who came upon the Virgin Mary so that she would conceive, inspired the Evangelist Luke to write these words, that we, like Mary, would believe that the Lord has fulfilled what He has spoken. *Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have fulfilled Your Word and delivered us from sin and death. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 2:1-16 – Doers of the Law**

The fulfilling of the Law indeed earns rewards: “He will render to each one according to his works...Glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good.” But the Christian understanding of good works can never exclude Christ as our Mediator. He kept the Law perfectly in our stead; He suffered the condemnation of the Law we deserved. We are justified through faith in Him alone apart from works. Now we who are justified, who are led by the Holy Spirit, are able to do good works, and these works are truly righteous and pleasing to God because of faith. *Dear Lord, lead us by Your Holy Spirit to live godly lives according to Your will. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 91 – We Walk with Angels All the Way**

This is the psalm that the devil misused in his temptation of Jesus, but Satan’s abuse does not negate God’s good purpose in giving us these words. God wills that we be comforted and encouraged in knowing that He has commanded His heavenly hosts to be our guards and protectors. What honor is given to us Christians, that we walk with angels all the way! Though sin, death, and the devil pursue us, we need not fear. The Most High has commanded His angels concerning us to guard us in all our ways, and finally to our heavenly home. *We praise You, O God, for the protection of Your holy angels. Amen.*

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