

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 6:1. Revelation 19:6; Psalm 100:1-5**

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and | lifted up,\*  
And the train of His robe filled the | temple.  
And I heard the voice of a great multitude, | saying,\*  
“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omni- | potent reigns!  
Make a joyful shout to the Lord, | all you lands!\*  
Serve the Lord with | gladness;  
Know that the Lord, | He is God:\*  
it is He who has made us, and not | we ourselves;  
enter into His gates with thanks- | giving,\*  
and into His | courts with praise.  
For the Lord is good; His mercy is ever- | lasting,\*  
and His truth endures to all gener- | ations.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Luke 2:49**

And He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

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

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father 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 Jesus, King of Glory**

TLH 130  
Martin Behm



1. O Jesus, King of Glory,  
Both David's Lord and Son!  
Thy realm endures forever,  
In heaven is fixed Thy throne.  
Help that in earth's dominions,  
Throughout from pole to pole,  
Thy reign may spread salvation  
To each benighted soul.

6. And bid Thy Word with-  
in me  
Shine as the fairest star;  
Keep sin and all false doctrine  
Forever from me far.  
Help me confess Thee truly  
And with Thy Christendom  
Here own Thee King and Savior  
And in the world to come.



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**“God Manifested in the Infancy of Jesus”**

**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.

## Around the Word Devotions + the week of January 7-13, 2018

### THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Infancy of Jesus

There was never a time in Jesus' life when our Lord was anything less than fully and truly God. From the moment of His conception, from the earliest moments of existence in Mary's womb, His divine nature never wavered nor slipped from His person. This is comfort. Jesus has always known His Father. And now He makes His Father known to us. To teach Mary and Joseph this gospel, Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem. His sermon preaches that as God's Son He comes into this world to do his Father's good and gracious will. This week, we'll meditate on Jesus' manifestation of His divinity and what comfort that brings distressed sinners.

SUN

### SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:41-52 Jesus: True God and True Man

Jesus is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary. Both natures are united in Jesus' person. The natures are not mixed together like ingredients in a stew, but each remains in its own nature. Neither can they be separated from one another. Christ is and will be eternally true God and true man. To the eyes it looked like Jesus was any other 12-year-old. He listened to His parents, played with His friends, and went on family trips. But Jesus preached the truth to Mary and Joseph. God the Father is His origin. He comes in the flesh to do His Father's will. The Father wills to reconcile sinners through His Son's flesh (Col. 1:21-22). *Heavenly Father, keep me in Your Son's words which reveal Your kindness. Amen.*

MON

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 96 "Let the Heavens Rejoice"

The almighty God, the Lord, "comes to judge the earth." This is the God who "made the heavens." "Splendor and majesty are before him." When you hear these words with a troubled conscience, how do you receive them? In terror? In dread? Do you think about how much your sins offend His holiness and how you can't lift your eyes toward His presence? But the psalmist David speaks of God's judgment with joy. Why? He knows and trusts in the promise of His Seed who will come to bear the severity of divine judgement in His place. He knows and trusts in the coming Christ who, as true God and man, will make the impossible possible. God will judge the sinners righteous for Christ's sake! *Grant us this joy from faith always heavenly Father. Amen.*

TUE

### SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6 Sons of Light

The Holy Ghost loves to paint pictures of His spiritual work in the Scriptures. God's glory, His kindness for sinners through His Son, is pictured as light of dawn breaking upon a darkened world. Not only has the light of the promised Seed broken upon the blood lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He shines on the Gentiles as well. These people who had languished in the darkness of unbelief are now called "sons." They travel from afar to worship their Lord and Redeemer in faith. The Lord's Christ thrills and exults when He sees you come. God is overjoyed that you, who were once lost in darkness, have come to worship at the feet of his Son bearing the treasures of thanksgiving. *Let Your light of Your mercy always shine upon me, O Lord. Amen.*

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WED

### SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7 Jesus: Servant and Redeemer

If you don't confess the divinity and humanity of Christ, the 49th chapter of Isaiah's prophecy makes little sense. The Lord's Servant, the Holy One, is a divine Redeemer who is both despised and feared by the kings of the earth. Though He's fashioned as the decisive arrow in God's quiver, the Servant yet speaks words of degradation and despair. You know that the Lord's Servant, the Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer, and King is Jesus. As an arrow strikes its target, so God in the flesh has aimed at and struck the heart of the devil's kingdom of sin with His cross. Jesus suffered God's abandonment so you might have God's mercy, the forgiveness of sins. *I give thanks to You, O Jesus, that Your salvation has reached the ends of the earth. Amen.*

THU

### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus' Baptism

Jesus' baptism is presented with such clarity and precision that the conclusions cannot be avoided. Jesus has a heavenly anointing by the Father's voice and the Holy Spirit so that no one can deny that this man is the true Christ who comes to fill up all the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their children. The Father's voice from heaven proves that this man is divine, God's own Son. Jesus' baptism proves the kind of Christ we must receive by faith. He fulfills all righteousness by taking the weight of the world's sins on His shoulders so that He can bear them to the cross to wash them away forever through His most holy and precious blood. *I give thanks to You, O God, that I have found Your pleasure by being baptized into Jesus' death and life. Amen.*

FRI

### SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:23-31 "Justified Freely by His Grace"

This is the foundation of the Christian faith and the hub at the center of the wheel of Christian teaching upon which everything turns. All have sinned. But all are justified. By works? By the Law? No. You are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Christ alone is the propitiatory sacrifice to gain God's kindness. To propitiate means to regain one's favor, to win back one's smiling face. Jesus has done it with his onetime sacrifice upon the cross. God's favor is yours. Jesus paid the price with his death and spiritual anguish. What of your boasting? It's excluded by faith. For the Jews and gentiles alike, all are saved by faith apart from works. *I praise You, O Lord, for the depths of Your unsearchable love. Amen.*

SAT

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72 Jesus Rains Down God's Love

Solomon doesn't sing about himself. He teaches his hearers to sing of Christ and His spiritual kingdom. We return to the picture of God's judgment and are surprised to see a picture of life as opposed to a picture of torment. Jesus, who is in Himself God's judgment against His creation, falls like rain on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. Jesus rains down God's love. Hear God's judgements. "You are mine. See how my Son has suffered in your place that you might have eternal, resurrected life. I forgive you. Sin, death, and hell can no longer touch you." *"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen."*

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