

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 66:10-11; Psalm 122:1-2, 6, 8**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may feed and be | satisfied*
with the consolation of her | bosom.
I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go into the house | of the Lord.”
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:*
“May they prosper who | love you.”
For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,*
“Peace be with- | in you.”

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 49:13**

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted His people and He will have compassion on His afflicted.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we implore You that we, who do worthily deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through 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
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2. In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.



“He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners”

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: He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners

Our God is a God of love and compassion. Though we were hopelessly enslaved and afflicted, addicted to the desires and passions of the world and our flesh, the Lord sought us out and delivered us. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, took upon Himself our flesh and blood, yet without sin. He suffered the sin of the world, our worldliness, unto death on the cross that we might be released from our bondage and set free.

"Exult, O earth; the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted."

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-15 They Saw the Signs

Born of Mary, Jesus entered into the world, yet Jesus is not of the world (John 17:14). Likewise, followers of Jesus live in the world, but are not to be of the world. Yet, our sinful inclination is to be worldly. A large crowd followed Jesus because He could cure whatever ailed them. When Jesus tested His disciples at dinner time, the worldly answer came forth—"we don't have enough money to provide for this crowd." The Bread of Life delivered in abundance and the crowd responded by trying to make Him their worldly king. Jesus came not to set up an earthly kingdom, but to deliver His own to The Kingdom without end. *O Christ, You gave Your life that I may be Yours forevermore, increase in me the desire for Your kingdom and deliver me. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46 God is Our Refuge and Strength

"The nations rage, the kingdoms totter." A quick glance at the news headlines confirms this truth. We live in uncertain times. Our country is divided and we anxiously wonder what the future holds. Before we throw our hands up in despair or consume our days with worry, we must read on. "He utters His voice, the earth melts. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." In the midst of uncertainty, our Lord reminds us that He is in control and encourages us to find our refuge in Him. Luther concludes his hymn based on this psalm, "A Mighty Fortress," with these words, [In Christ] "our victory has been won; the Kingdom ours remaineth." *Lord, in the midst of uncertainty, grant me the faith to be still and know that You are God. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:21-31 Children of the Promise

When God's ways appear unreasonable to us, we tend to trust in our own. Abraham, after hearing he would be a father of many nations when he was 100 years old (and his wife 90), sought a more reasonable way through his wife's younger servant, Hagar. In so doing, Abraham was taught that the schemes of our flesh cannot attain salvation. Our salvation is a gift. It is an inheritance given to the children of the promise. Abraham's blessing came through God's promise. Sarah, in her old age, gave birth to Isaac. Your salvation also comes through God's promise. *Heavenly Father, through the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You promise an eternal inheritance to all who believe. Help me to trust in Your promise, given in Baptism, that I may be eternally free. Amen.*



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WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:8-13 Compassion on His Afflicted

The world did not look kindly upon Christ and, likewise, does not look kindly upon the people of God. In this world we experience darkness, affliction, and deadly struggle. The Lord answers. He saves and sustains His people. Christ, the Lamb of God has conquered. Though we may not see it, His deliverance is real. Quoting Isaiah, John depicts this reality in Revelation 7: [The ones coming out of the great tribulation] "shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; for the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see the reality of salvation, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that I may sing for joy. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 6:36-51 The Bread that Jesus Gives

Our Lord gives and we grumble. Adam and Eve could eat of any tree of the garden, save one. But, this was not enough. They had life and they chose death. The deadly sin of discontent and insatiable desire has coursed through the veins of humanity ever since. The Israelites grumbled of manna in the desert. The Jews grumbled at Jesus, the Bread of Life. We grumble too. Our desires lead to death, yet our Heavenly Father continues to draw us through the One who can give us life. "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life." *Father, crucify my sinful appetite and increase my desire for the food that leads unto life everlasting, the Bread of Life, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:2-11 All Things that Pertain to Life

All things that pertain to life and godliness are granted to us through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Jesus suffered the corruption of the world that we might be set free from it. "Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows . . . He was wounded for our transgressions . . . and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4-5). In baptism, we received the fruit of our Lord's suffering. We were healed and set free. Christ has called us to His own glory and excellence and granted to us very great promises. And so, through His calling, we are enabled to supplement our faith with virtue, which leads to acts of love toward one another. *Lord, empower me to live out my calling in love that I may receive entrance to the kingdom of Your Son. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139 Wonderful are Your Works

You are no accident. God had you in mind before you came into existence. He knows your thoughts. He is always with you. He is personally involved with His creation—with you! Our God is a God of love. This reality of God's love for His creation, described beautifully in Psalm 139, is fully realized in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus took on our substance, even as He was knit together in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He became one with us so that He might bear God's wrath for our sin in His body. On the cross, He took our sin upon Himself. Baptized into His death and resurrection, we receive the love of God, forgiveness and life everlasting with Him. *O Lord, continually cleanse me with the sacrifice of Your Son that I may always be Yours. Amen.*

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