



January,
Week 3

Personal and Family Devotions • Small Groups • Church meetings

1 Invocation

Make the sign of the cross and say:
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2 Psalm

In you, Yahweh, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness;
turn your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock for refuge where I may always go;
you have given a command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
God, you have taught me from my youth;
even now I declare your wonderful deeds.
Indeed, even when I am old and gray-headed,
God, do not forsake me,
as I have been declaring your strength to the next generation,
your power to everyone who is to come.

Psalm 71:1-3, 17-18

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

3 Hymns

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (page 5)
Salvation Unto Us Has Come (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

Church History and Letters

1 Corinthians

Summary Statement

Paul responds to divisions and confusions

Outline

I. Concern about Divisions (1-4)

II. Caution against Disorder (5-6)

III. Confusion over Doctrine (7-16)

Key Verses

1:27; 6:19-20; 10:13; 13:13; 15:3-4

Daily Readings

Su	1:18-31	2:1-16
Mo	3:1-17	4:8-21
Tu	6:1-11	7:1-16
We	9:13-27	10:1-13
Th	11:17-34	12:12-31
Fr	13:1-13	14:1-19
Sa	15:12-28	15:51-58



BIBLE EVENTS

Jesus' Teachings

Mark 4:35-41 ★



- What occurred as the disciples and Jesus crossed the sea? (4:37)
- What was Jesus doing in the stern during the storm? (4:38)
- What did Jesus say to the wind? (4:39)
- What question did the disciples ask one another after seeing this miracle? (4:41)

Mark 5:1-20



- Where did the man with an unclean spirit live? (5:3)
- What did the man with an unclean spirit say his name was? (5:9)
- What animals did the unclean spirits that left the man enter? (5:13)
- What did the people of the area beg Jesus to do? (5:17)

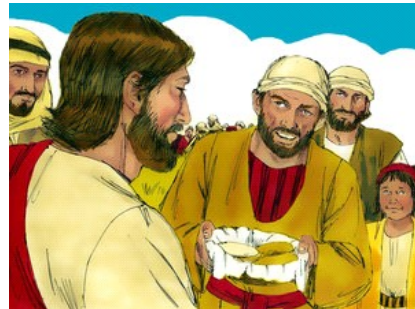
Events labeled with a star (★) are appropriate for disciples of all ages. Other events may contain more mature content.

Mark 5:21-43



- Who was Jairus? (5:22)
- Who did Jesus heal on the way to Jairus' house? (5:25)
- What did Jesus say about Jairus' daughter to the mourners at his house? (5:39)
- How old was Jairus' daughter, whom Jesus raised to life? (5:42)

John 6:1-21 ★



- Who did Jesus ask about getting bread to feed the large crowd? (6:5)
- How much food did Andrew say a boy had brought with him? (6:9)
- How much food was leftover after the large crowd had eaten? (6:13)
- Why did Jesus leave the people and go up the mountain by Himself? (6:15)

For application: IDEA What is stated in the verse, passage or selection? **THANK** What does this verse, passage or selection make me thankful for? **CONFESS** What does this verse, passage or selection make me sorry for? **HELP** What help do I need from God to act on what I have read?



BIBLE TEACHINGS

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Third

How can water do such great things?

It is not just the water that does them, but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is simply water and no baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit. As St Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom God richly poured on us through our Savior Jesus Christ, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs with the certain hope of eternal life. This message is trustworthy" (Titus 3:5-8).

Baptism's Power

157. What gives the water in Baptism its power to do such great things?

- A. The Word of God which is in and with the water
- B. Faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water

A – Ephesians 5:26; 1 Peter 1:23; B – Mark 16:16; Colossians 2:12

158. Why is Baptism called a "washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"?

Through Baptism the Holy Spirit creates faith, giving us new spiritual life

Titus 3:5

Younger disciples should focus on the content in the yellow box from Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

159. Why are we baptized in the name of the triune God?

- A. Because the Father sent His Son to save us
- B. Because the Son gave His life to redeem us
- C. Because the Holy Spirit applies Christ's redemption to our souls

A – John 3:16; B – Galatians 3:27; C – 1 Corinthians 12:13

160. Why does a person never need to be re-baptized?

A person may be unfaithful to his promises, but God never is

Romans 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13

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5 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.

6 Prayers

Pray for your family and friends, your church, your community, your nation, your world, and your own personal needs. As you C.H.A.T. with God, remember to Confess your sins, Honor and praise God, Ask Him your requests, and Thank Him for His blessings.



Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You fed five thousand men in the wilderness with five loaves and two fish. We ask You graciously to abide also with us in the fullness of Your blessing. Preserve us from greed and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and in all things perceive Your fatherly goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto You, graciously come before You, especially the prayers of those who are sick or wounded, in peril of death, or held captive in the power of the enemy, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Your manifold help and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Your truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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 all evil, that all my actions 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.

OR

Luther's Evening Prayer

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.

7 Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13:14) **Amen.**

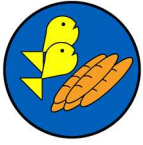
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come, Our
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf -
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame, From
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone, Short

shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!



Salvation Unto Us Has Come

1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor; Good
 2. What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der Caused
 3. It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en That
 4. From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing; The

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 works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er. Faith
 wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our
 sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en. The
 task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None

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 looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pur - i - fy our

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 world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart, So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name,
 My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.