



January,  
Week 4

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

Protect me, God,  
**for I take refuge in you.**  
I say to Yahweh, "You are my Lord;  
**my goodness is nothing apart from you.**  
I set Yahweh before me at all times,  
**so I will not be shaken from his right hand!**  
Therefore my heart is glad; my glory is rejoicing.  
**Surely I will live in security.**  
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol.  
**You will not let your faithful one see the pit.**  
You teach me the path of life;  
**abundant joy resides in your presence;**  
delights abide  
**in your right hand forever!"**

*Psalm 16:1-2, 8-11*

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

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing** (page 5)  
**Baptized into Your Name Most Holy** (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

Church History and Letters

### 2 Corinthians

*Summary Statement*

**Paul defends his status as an apostle**

*Outline*

**I. Paul's Character (1-5)**

**II. Paul's Commitment (6-9)**

**III. Paul's Credibility (10-13)**

*Key Verses*

**1:20; 5:17; 9:7; 12:9; 13:14**

### Daily Readings

<b>Su</b>	1:12-24	2:5-17
<b>Mo</b>	3:7-18	4:1-18
<b>Tu</b>	5:9-21	6:11-7:1
<b>We</b>	7:2-16	8:1-15
<b>Th</b>	8:16-9:5	9:6-15
<b>Fr</b>	10:1-18	11:1-15
<b>Sa</b>	12:1-10	13:1-14



## BIBLE EVENTS

### Jesus' Teachings

#### Matthew 14:22-36 ★



- a. What did the disciples think Jesus was as He approached them, walking on the sea? (14:26)
- b. Who was the disciple that stepped out of the boat to walk out on the water with Jesus? (14:29)
- c. What happened when Peter became afraid of the wind? (14:30)
- d. Who was brought to Jesus when they reached the other side of the sea? (14:35)

#### John 9:1-41



- a. What did the disciples ask Jesus when they saw a man who was born blind? (9:2)
- b. What did Jesus smear on the man's eyes? (9:6)
- c. When asked by the religious leaders if Jesus was a sinner, what was the one thing the man admitted to knowing? (9:25)
- d. What did the religious leaders do to the man whose blindness had been cured by Jesus? (9:34)

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

#### John 11:1-44



- a. When Jesus arrived, how long had Lazarus been in the tomb? (11:17)
- b. Who did Jesus tell Martha He was? (11:25)
- c. What did Jesus do when He was brought to Lazarus' tomb? (11:35)
- d. What was Lazarus bound with when he came out of the tomb? (11:44)

#### Luke 17:11-19 ★



- a. How many lepers came to meet Jesus? (17:12)
- b. What did Jesus tell the ten lepers to do? (17:14)
- c. Who was the one leper that came back to thank Jesus? (17:16)
- d. What did Jesus say had healed the leper? (17:19)

**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

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

#### Fourth

*What does such baptizing with water signify?*

It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily come forth and arise, to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were buried, then, with him through baptism into death. This happened in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

### Baptism's Meaning

#### 161. What is the old Adam?

Our sinful nature

*Galatians 5:17, 19-21*

#### 162. How should the old Adam in us be drowned?

By daily contrition and repentance

*Psalms 38:18; 2 Corinthians 7:10*

#### 163. What will come forth and arise through Baptism?

A new man

*Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:22-24*

#### 164. What is the new man?

The result of the Holy Spirit's work in us

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

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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.*



Almighty God, who has given Your Only Son, to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Have compassion, O Lord, upon all who mourn and upon all who are lonely and desolate. Be their Comforter and Friend. Give them such earthly solace as You see to be best for them, and, bringing them to fuller knowledge of Your love, do wipe away all their tears. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and Everlasting God, who of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ, Your Son, grants us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness, Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh, and to

overcome the world, and, serving You in holiness and pureness of living, may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness. 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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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3. Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling pil - grim way,

5  
Let us each, Your love pos-sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace,  
May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion In our hearts and lives a - bound.  
Let not fear of death ap-pall us, Glad You sum - mons to o - bey.

9  
O re-fresh us; O re-fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.



# Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1. Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
 2. My lov - ing Fa - ther, here, You take me To be hence - forth Your  
 3. My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
 4. All that I am and love most dear - ly, Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 If words or deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
 com - fort me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.  
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.