

# GROW@HOME

April  
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

Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song,  
**for he has done marvelous things;**  
his right hand and his holy arm  
**have given him victory.**  
Yahweh has made known his salvation;  
**he has openly showed his justice to all the nations.**  
He calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness  
for the house of Israel;  
**all the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.**  
Shout for joy to Yahweh, all the earth;  
**burst into song, sing for joy, and sing praises.**  
Sing praises to Yahweh with the harp,  
**with the harp and melodious song.**  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
**and let the mountains shout for joy.**  
Yahweh is coming to judge the earth;  
**he will judge the world with righteousness and the nations with fairness.**

*Psalm 98:1-5, 8-9*

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

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives** (page 5)  
**Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor** (page 6)

## 4 Lessons



### BIBLE BOOKS

General Letters, part 1

### 2 Peter

*Summary Statement*

**A letter addressing false teaching**

*Outline*

**I. A Growing Faith (1)**

**II. A Guarded Faith (2)**

**III. A Godly Faith (3)**

*Key Verses*

**1:21; 2:19; 3:9; 3:13; 3:18**

*Daily Readings*

<b>Su</b>	2Pe 1:1-4	
<b>Mo</b>	2Pe 1:5-11	
<b>Tu</b>	2Pe 1:12-21	
<b>We</b>	2Pe 2:1-16	
<b>Th</b>	2Pe 2:17-22	
<b>Fr</b>	2Pe 3:1-10	
<b>Sa</b>	2Pe 3:11-18	



## BIBLE EVENTS

### Jesus' Death & Resurrection

#### John 20:1-18 ★ Jesus Appears to Mary



- What did Mary see inside the tomb sitting where the body of Jesus had lain? (20:12)
- Who did Mary think Jesus was as she wept? (20:15)
- What single word did Jesus say that caused Mary to recognize Him? (20:16)
- Why did Jesus not want Mary to hold on to Him? (20:17)

#### Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus



- Why didn't the two men recognize the risen Jesus as He walked with them to Emmaus? (24:16)
- What did Jesus explain to the two travelers as they walked? (24:27)
- What happened to the men's eyes when Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them? (24:31)
- What was happening to the travelers' hearts as they listened to Jesus' teaching? (24:32)

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

#### John 20:19-31 ★ Doubting Thomas



- Why were the disciples keeping the doors closed? (20:19)
- What was the only way Thomas said he would believe that his fellow disciples' had seen Jesus? (20:25)
- How did Thomas refer to Jesus when Jesus finally appeared to him? (20:28)
- Though Thomas got to see Jesus, who did Jesus say was truly blessed? (20:29)

#### John 21:1-25 Jesus Forgives Peter



- Who said to Peter, "It is the Lord"? (21:7)
- What had Jesus prepared for the disciples when they arrived at shore? (21:9,12)
- How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? (21:17)
- What did Jesus tell Peter to do? (21:17)

**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 the Altar

#### *Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### **Fourth**

##### *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are a fine outward training. But the one who is truly worthy and well prepared is the one who has faith in these words: "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But the one who does not believe these words, or who doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared, because the words "for you" require wholehearted belief.

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

#### **191. Who is unworthy and unprepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar?**

Anyone who doubts or does not believe these words: "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins"

*1 Corinthians 11:29*

#### **192. Who should not receive the Sacrament of the Altar?**

- A. Non-Christians
- B. Those unwilling to repent
- C. Those not in agreement with Biblical teaching
- D. Those unable to examine themselves

*A – 1 Corinthians 10:21; B – Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; C – 1 Corinthians 10:17; Ephesians 4:13; D – 1 Corinthians 11:28*

## Reception

#### **189. What should a person do before participating in the Sacrament of the Altar?**

The person should examine himself

*1 Corinthians 11:27-28*

#### **190. Who is truly worthy and well prepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar?**

Anyone who has faith in these words: "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins"

*Numbers 23:19; Psalm 33:4*

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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.*



Grant, almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may by the renewal of Your Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul and walk in newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You, that of Your infinite mercy You have instituted this Your Sacrament, in which we eat Your body and drink Your blood: Grant us, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not receive this gift unworthily, but that we may confess our sins, remember Your agony and death, believe the forgiveness of sin, and day by day grow in faith and love, until we obtain eternal salvation. 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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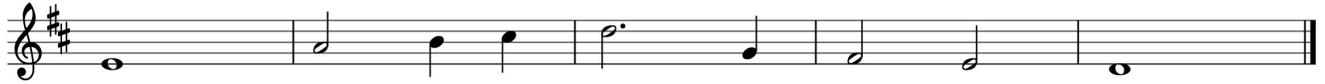
# I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort this sweet  
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e - ter - nal -  
 3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for  
 4. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to guide me



sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was  
 ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious in the  
 me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry soul to  
 with His eye; He lives to com - fort me when



dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5. He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8. He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!



# Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



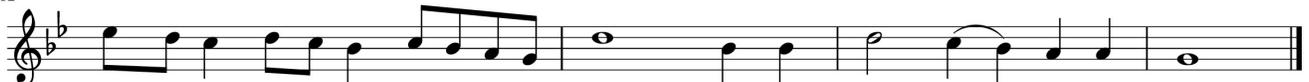
1. Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First be - got - ten from the  
 2. Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in Beth - le -  
 3. Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when You were  
 4. Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick-en rock with stream-ing



4  
 dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er, Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's  
 hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You, Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's  
 slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished Shall for - ev - er - more re -  
 8 side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na Wor - ship You, the Lamb who



head.  
 stem. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!  
 main,  
 died,



12  
 Je - sus, true and liv - ing - bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 We in wor - ship join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
 Cleans - ing sould from ev - 'ry stain; Cleans-ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glor - i - fied!