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October
Week 2

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

My heart overflows on a good subject;
I will read aloud the words I have composed about the king;
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
You are fairer than the children of mankind;
grace is poured onto your lips;
therefore we know that God has blessed you forever.
Put your sword on your side, mighty one,
in your glory and your majesty.
In your majesty ride on triumphantly because of trustworthiness, meekness, and righteousness;
your right hand will teach you fearful things.
Your throne, God, is forever and ever;
a scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.
I will make your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever and ever.

Psalm 45:1-4, 6-7, 17

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

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy (page 5)
Lord Jesus, Think on Me (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS

OT Major Prophets

Jeremiah

Summary Statement

Unpopular messages from a weeping prophet

Outline

I. Jeremiah's Call (1)

II. Messages to Judah (2-45)

III. Messages to Gentiles (46-51)

IV. Jerusalem's Fall (52)

Key Verses

1:5; 20:9; 29:11; 31:33-34

Lamentations

Summary Statement

Sorrow over Jerusalem's destruction

Outline

I. Horror (1-2)

II. Hope (3)

III. Humility (4-5)

Key Verses

3:22-23

Daily Readings

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|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Su | Jer 1:1-10 | Jer 7:1-15 |
| Mo | Jer 13:1-11 | Jer 18:1-17 |
| Tu | Jer 25:1-14 | Jer 28:1-17 |
| We | Jer 32:1-15 | Jer 33:1-16 |
| Th | Jer 36:1-7,21-25,27-32 | Jer 38:1-13 |
| Fr | Jer 39:1-10 | Jer 45:1-5 |
| Sa | Lam 1:1-11,20-22 | Lam 3:19-39 |



BIBLE EVENTS

Divided Kingdom Era

2 Kings 2:1-25 ★ Elijah Is Taken to Heaven



- a. What happened to the Jordan River when Elijah struck it with his cloak? (2:8)
- b. What request did Elisha ask of Elijah before God took him? (2:9)
- c. How was Elijah taken up into heaven? (2:11)
- d. What did Elisha throw into the water to heal it? (2:21)

2 Kings 4:1-44 Elisha Performs Many Miracles



- a. What did Elisha promise the Shunammite woman she would hold in a year's time? (4:16)
- b. What did the child tell his father was hurting him? (4:19)
- c. How many times did the child sneeze before he revived? (4:35)
- d. How many men did Elisha feed with twenty loaves of barley bread and some grain? (4:43)

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

2 Kings 5:1-27 ★ Namaan's Leprosy



- a. Who mentioned that Namaan should see the prophet in Samaria about his leprosy? (5:4)
- b. Where did Elisha tell Namaan to dip himself seven times? (5:10)
- c. What payment did Elisha receive for healing Namaan? (5:16)
- d. What did Namaan ask to take home with him? (5:17)

2 Kings 7:3-20 Siege of Samaria



- a. How many leprosy men discovered the abandoned Syrian camp? (7:3-5)
- b. What did the Lord make the Syrians hear that caused them to flee their camp? (7:6)
- c. What did the lepers feel shameful of as they enjoyed the food and supplies that the Syrians left behind? (7:9)
- d. What happened to the captain who doubted Elisha's prophecy? (7:20)

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

Confession & Absolution

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

Confession & Absolution

What is confession?

Confession has two parts: first, that we confess our sins; second, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and that we in no way doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those of which we are unaware, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the confessor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are a father, mother, son, daughter, employer or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful or lazy? Have you grieved anyone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, neglected or wasted anything, or done other harm?

172. What do Christians call a pastor to do?

- A. Publicly preach and teach
- B. Administer the Sacraments
- C. Publicly use the Office of the Keys

A – Mark 16:15; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2-5; B – 1 Corinthians 14:40; 1 Peter 4:10; C – Matthew 18:18; 1 Timothy 5:20

Absolution

169. What is the second part of Confession?

That we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor

Matthew 9:2; Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 2:7; 1 John 1:9

170. How do we receive forgiveness from the confessor?

As from God Himself

Matthew 16:19; John 20:23

171. What do we call the office that forgives and retains sins?

The Office of the Keys

Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23

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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 blessed Word and Your holy Baptism You have mercifully cleansed all who believe from the fearful leprosy of sin, and You daily grant us Your gracious help in all our need. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget these Your blessings, but ever live in Your fear, and, trusting fully in Your grace, with thankful hearts continually praise and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



Hear, O Lord, the prayer of Your supplicants, and spare those who confess their sins unto You, that You may bestow upon us both pardon and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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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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



7 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;



13 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



19 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.



Lord Jesus, Think on Me



1. Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin; From
2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed; Let
3. Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife; In
4. Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray; Through
5. Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past, I



world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.