

THE FAMILY ALTAR

April 10 - 16, A.D. 2022

MORNING

Luther's Morning Prayer:

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

First: *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Second: *What does Baptism do for us?*

Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

What are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Third: *How can water do such great things?*

It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water and faith which trusts this Word used with the water.

For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not Baptism. But with this Word it is Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Where is this written?

Saint Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, "[God] saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

Fourth: *What does baptizing with water mean?*

Baptism means that the Old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

Saint Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, "We were...buried with [Christ] through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

EVENING

Luther's Evening Prayer:

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

DEVOTION ON THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Exodus 25:23-30
Monday:	Exodus 25:31-40
Tuesday:	Exodus 26:1-14
Wednesday:	Exodus 26:15-30
Thursday:	Exodus 26:31-37
Friday:	Exodus 27:1-8
Saturday:	Read "The Upcoming Sunday"

The Upcoming Sunday

This coming Sunday is Easter Sunday, the Festival of our Lord's resurrection. On this Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, demonstrating His completed victory over sin, death, and the devil. Because Jesus fulfilled His promise that He would die and rise again, we know that He will fulfill every other promise He makes to us. We know that He is telling the truth when He promises that our sins are forgiven. We know that He is telling the truth when He promises that we will rise from the dead. We know that He is telling the truth when He tells us that there is a place in the Father's house that He is preparing for us, and that He will take us there to be with Him and live in joy forever.

Memorization

But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:54

Hymn

EASTER

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
God's own Son In love for me has won.
hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

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