

THE FAMILY ALTAR

April 3 - 9, 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 23:20-26
Monday:	Exodus 23:27-33
Tuesday:	Exodus 24:1-11
Wednesday:	Exodus 24:12-18
Thursday:	Exodus 25:1-9
Friday:	Exodus 25:10-22
Saturday:	Read “The Upcoming Sunday”

The Upcoming Sunday

This coming Sunday is the sixth Sunday in Lent. It is the Sunday we call “Palm Sunday,” the day when we commemorate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Riding on a donkey, and welcomed with palm branches and praise, Jesus entered Jerusalem as a king. But His kingship is very unique – Jesus came not to exalt Himself, but to humble Himself. He came to wear a crown of thorns and to be placed on the throne of a cross, all to redeem us from sin and from death, and to rule as our king in glory forever.

Memorization

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8

Hymn

PALM SUNDAY

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.