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November
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

To you, Yahweh,
I lift up my life!
Call to mind, Yahweh, your acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness;
for they have always existed.
Do not think about the sins of my youth
or my rebelliousness;
Call me to mind with covenant faithfulness
because of your goodness, O Lord!
Turn toward me and have mercy on me;
for I am alone and afflicted.
See my affliction and my toils;
forgive all my sins.
Protect my life and rescue me;
do not let me be humiliated, for I take refuge in you!

Psalm 25:1, 6-7, 16, 18, 20

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

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast (page 5)
Come, Ye Thankful People Come (page 6)

4 Lessons



BIBLE BOOKS
OT Minor Prophets

Obadiah

Summary Statement
A prophecy against the Edomites
Outline
I. Edom's Pride (1:1-14)
II. Edom's Punishment (1:15-21)
Key Verses
1:21

Jonah

Summary Statement
A reluctant prophet is sent to Nineveh
Outline
I. Avoiding God's Call (1-2)
II. Answering God's Call (3-4)
Key Verses
2:9

Micah

Summary Statement
A prophet speaks of justice, mercy, and humility
Outline
I. Day of Punishment (1-3)
II. Day of Promise (4-5)
III. Day of Pardon (6-7)
Key Verses
5:2; 6:8; 7:19

Daily Readings

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| Su | Oba 1:1-14 | Oba 1:15-21 |
| Mo | Jon 2:1-10 | Mic 1:1-7 |
| Tu | Mic 1:8-16 | Mic 2:1-5 |
| We | Mic 2:6-13 | Mic 3:1-12 |
| Th | Mic 4:1-5 | Mic 4:6-13 |
| Fr | Mic 5:1-15 | Mic 6:1-16 |
| Sa | Mic 7:1-7 | Mic 7:8-20 |

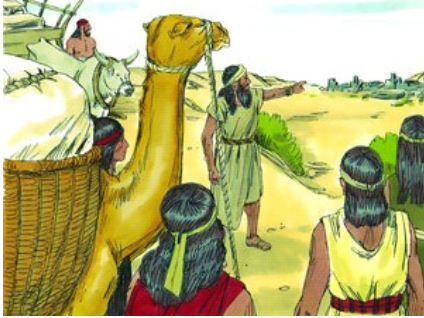


BIBLE EVENTS

Exile & Return Era

Ezra 1:1-11 ★

Cyrus' Decree



- Who was Cyrus? (1:1)
- Who stirred up Cyrus' spirit to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem? (1:1)
- How did other people help the returning Jews? (1:6)
- What did Cyrus give to Sheshbazzar to take back to Jerusalem? (1:7-8)

Ezra 3:1-13 ★

The New Temple



- Which two men led the rebuilding of the altar? (3:2)
- What part of the temple did the builders in Jerusalem begin with? (3:10)
- How did the priests and Levites celebrate the work on the new temple? (3:11)
- What did the old men do when they saw the new foundation of the temple? (3:12)

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

Ezra 7:1-28

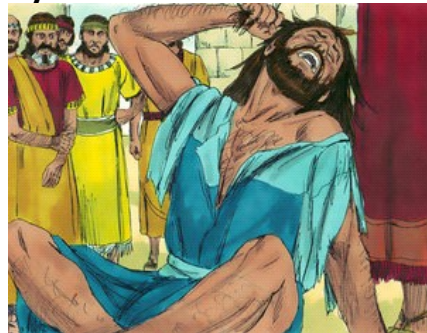
Ezra Arrives



- Who was Ezra? (7:6)
- Where did Ezra come from and where was he traveling to? (7:9)
- What did Ezra set his heart to seek, do, and teach to others? (7:10)
- Who gave Ezra a letter of permission to return to Jerusalem? (7:11)

Ezra 9:1-15

Ezra's Prayer



- What sin had the people and leaders of Israel committed? (9:1-2)
- What did Ezra do when he heard about Israel's sin? (9:3)
- How did Ezra feel as he offered his prayer to God? (9:6)
- What did Ezra observe about their sin and God's punishment? (9:13)

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God gives daily bread to everyone, even those who are evil, without our prayers; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Everything that belongs to the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, property, fields, animals, money, goods, a believing spouse, believing children, believing servants, believing and faithful magistrates, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and so on.

128. According to the Fourth Petition, what is meant by "daily bread"?

Everything that belongs to the support and needs of the body

Philippians 4:19

Title

125. According to the Fourth Petition, what are we asking to know?

That God gives daily bread

Psalm 145:15-16; Proverbs 30:8-9; Matthew 6:25-34; Acts 17:28

126. According to the Fourth Petition, what kind of people does God give daily bread to?

Even those who are evil

Matthew 5:45; 6:8

127. According to the Fourth Petition, how do we receive our daily bread?

With thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Psalm 118:1; Ephesians 5:19-20; James 1:17

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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 and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, Your compassion has no end. You are long-suffering, gracious, and full of goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. We have sinned and done perversely. We have forsaken You and offended You. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done this evil in Your sight. But we beg You, O Lord, do not remember against us our previous sins. Let Your tender mercies speedily forgive us, for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of Your holy name, and for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You have given us Your holy Word and have bountifully provided for all our earthly needs. We confess that we are unworthy of all these mercies, and that we have rather deserved punishment. But we beg You, forgive us our sins, and prosper and bless us in our various callings, that by Your strength we may be sustained and defended, now and forever, and so praise and glorify You eternally. 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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Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1. Al might - y God, Your Word is cast Like seed in - to the ground; Now
2. Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This ho - ly seed re - move, But
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The ris - ing plant de - stroy, But
4. So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life - giv - ing grace be - stow That



let the dew of heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
give it root in ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
let it yield a hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
all whose souls the truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.



Come, Ye Thankful People Come



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.