

Tuesday April 14, 2020

Opening

Selected verses from Psalm 16

Leader: Guard me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

Family: **For I take refuge in you.**

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord.

I have no good apart from you."

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad,

And my whole being rejoices. Alleluia!

Bible Reading - Matthew 28:1-15

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

⁸ They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

¹¹ As they were on their way, there were some members of the guard who went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the chief priests had assembled with the elders and had reached a decision, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came at night and stole him away while we were sleeping.' ¹⁴ If the governor hears about it, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ After the soldiers took the money, they did as they were instructed. And this story has been repeated among the Jews until this day.

Questions for Discussion

Take whatever time is necessary or possible to discuss these questions. Discussion does not have to be lengthy.

For the kids: *Who went to the tomb?*

For the grownups: *Why did they give the soldiers a large sum of money?*

Prayer

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. 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.

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. 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.

The head of the household may lead other prayers and petitions. The members of the family may also take turns with their own prayers and petitions. The head of the household closes the prayer in Jesus' name.

Blessing

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Hymn

Read or sing the hymn verse as a family.

***Blessed Jesus, at your Word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.***

***Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!***

***Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.
(CW 221 vv1,4)***

A recording of this hymn can be found on [YouTube](#).

Catechism Study

Optional: Briefly discuss and apply this portion of Luther's Small Catechism.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Blessings Of Baptism

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."