

Monday April 20, 2020

Opening

Selected verses from Psalm 45

Leader: My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme.

Family: **I am reciting my works for the King.**

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

I will preserve the memory of your name through all generations.

Therefore peoples will praise you forever and ever. Alleluia!

Bible Reading - John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "**Friends, haven't you any fish?**"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "**Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.**"

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of the fish you have just caught.**" ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Questions for Discussion

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

For the kids: *What sea was it that Jesus appeared to his disciples?*

For the grownups: *Who recognized Jesus?*

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.

**As we begin another week,
In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days
No evil may befall our ways.**

**Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour
On all our labors evermore.
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill
That we may gladly do your will.**

(CW 223 vv1,2)

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

**Note: The words in the video differ slightly from the words in the hymnal.*

Catechism Study

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

THE USE OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION

Confession

First: What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.