

*Saturday April 25, 2020*

## Opening

*Selected verses from Psalm 33*

**Leader:** Shout joyfully to the LORD, you righteous.

**Family:** **The praise of the upright is beautiful.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD.

**Let all the inhabitants of the world revere him.**

For he said, "Let it be," and it was!

**He gave a command, and there it stood.**

Yes, in him our heart rejoices

**Because we trust in his holy name. Alleluia!**

## Bible Reading - John 4:39-45

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town\* believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

<sup>43</sup> After the two days he left for Galilee. <sup>44</sup> (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) <sup>45</sup> When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

\*(The hometown of the Samaritan woman from Thursday's devotion.)

## 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 wonderful thing happened in the town in Samaria?*

**For the grownups:** *How does God bring people to faith? (See Romans 10:17 for help.)*

## 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.*

***The gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent his Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.***

***It is the pow'r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith with firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.  
(CW 288 vv1,4)***

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

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

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## Catechism Study

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

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **The Blessings of Holy Communion**

*Second: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?*

That is shown us by these words, "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament.

For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.