

*Thursday May 14, 2020*

## Opening

*Selected verses from Psalm 145*

**Leader:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

**Family:** **His greatness no one can fathom.**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

**Slow to anger and rich in love.**

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises

**And faithful in all he does.**

The LORD is righteous in all his ways

**And faithful in all he does.**

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Alleluia!**

## Bible Reading - Jeremiah 8:4-13

<sup>4</sup> “Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says:

“ ‘When people fall down, do they not get up?

When someone turns away, do they not return?

<sup>5</sup> Why then have these people turned away?

Why does Jerusalem always turn away?

They cling to deceit;

they refuse to return.

<sup>6</sup> I have listened attentively,

but they do not say what is right.

None of them repent of their wickedness,

saying, “What have I done?”

Each pursues their own course

like a horse charging into battle.

<sup>7</sup> Even the stork in the sky

knows her appointed seasons,

and the dove, the swift and the thrush

observe the time of their migration.

But my people do not know

the requirements of the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> “ ‘How can you say, “We are wise,

for we have the law of the Lord,”

when actually the lying pen of the scribes

has handled it falsely?

<sup>9</sup> The wise will be put to shame;

they will be dismayed and trapped.  
Since they have rejected the word of the Lord,  
what kind of wisdom do they have?  
10 Therefore I will give their wives to other men  
and their fields to new owners.  
From the least to the greatest,  
all are greedy for gain;  
prophets and priests alike,  
all practice deceit.  
11 They dress the wound of my people  
as though it were not serious.  
“Peace, peace,” they say,  
when there is no peace.  
12 Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?  
No, they have no shame at all;  
they do not even know how to blush.  
So they will fall among the fallen;  
they will be brought down when they are punished,  
says the Lord.  
13 “ ‘I will take away their harvest,  
declares the Lord.  
There will be no grapes on the vine.  
There will be no figs on the tree,  
and their leaves will wither.  
What I have given them  
will be taken from them.’ ”

## 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 are three reasons God is displeased with his people?

***For the grownups:*** List several modern examples of people in our society (or even within Christianity) saying “peace peace” when there is no peace, or bandaging wounds as if they weren’t serious. (v11) How might we respond to such situations as believers?

## 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.*

**Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit  
On your servants now, we pray;  
Let them all be faithful shepherds  
That no lamb is led astray.  
Your pure teaching to proclaim,  
To adore your holy name,  
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior,  
Make their aim and sole endeavor.  
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*A recording of this hymn tune can be found on [YouTube](#).*

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Catechism Study

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

**Table of Duties**

*Young People*

Young men, be submissive to those who are older. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.