

**Saturday May 9, 2020**

## Opening

*Selected verses from Psalm 82*

**Leader:** Come, listen, all you who fear God,

**Family:** **And let me tell what he has done to save my life.**

To him I cried out with my mouth.

**High praise was on my tongue.**

Blessed be God, who has not turned aside my prayer

**Or turned aside his mercy from me! Alleluia!**

## Bible Reading - John 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

## Questions for Discussion

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

**For the kids:** *Why didn't anyone throw any stones at the woman?*

**For the grownups:** *Agree or disagree: Jesus' actions in this account prove that we can never accuse anyone of sinning and expect them to stop. Why or why not?*

## 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 are they, forever blest,  
Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,  
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed  
And covered with their Savior's blood.***

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*A recording of this hymn can be found on [YouTube](#).\**  
*(Note that the words in the hymnal differ from the words on YouTube.)*

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# Catechism Study

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

## **Table of Duties**

### *Parents*

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.