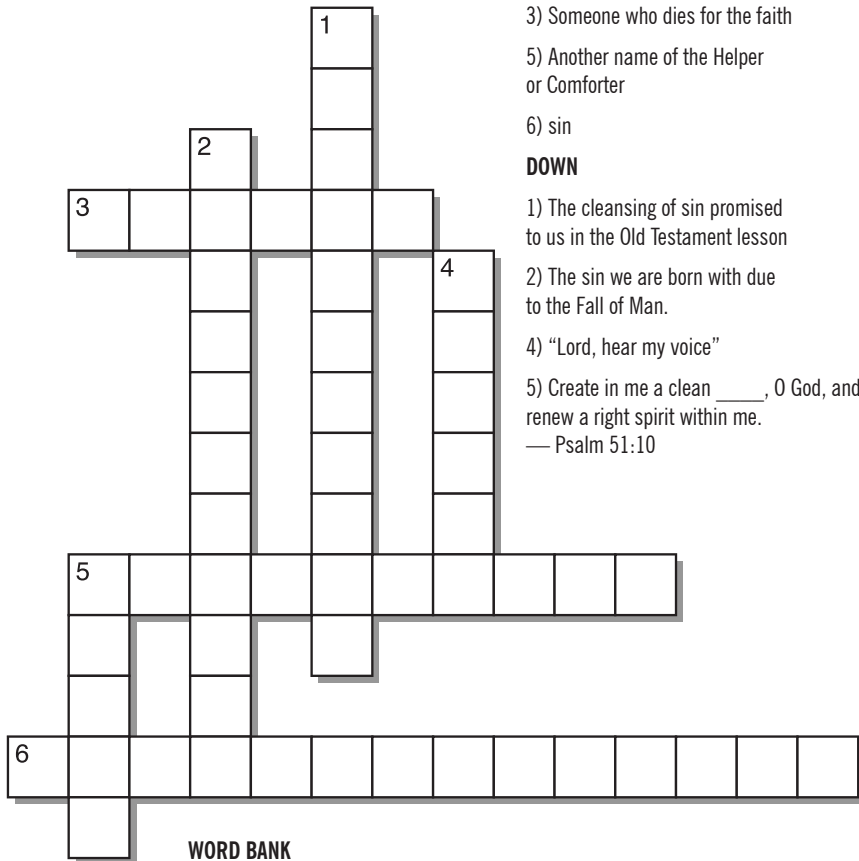




ACROSS

3) Someone who dies for the faith

5) Another name of the Helper or Comforter

6) sin

DOWN

1) The cleansing of sin promised to us in the Old Testament lesson

2) The sin we are born with due to the Fall of Man.

4) "Lord, hear my voice"

5) Create in me a clean _____, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
— Psalm 51:10

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Exaudi — The Seventh Sunday of Easter

INTROIT

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9c

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Teach me your way, O LORD;

give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me,

and they breathe out violence.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #539 — Christ Is the World's Redeemer

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above the heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Exaudi comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (*Exaudi Domine*), meaning “LORD, hear my voice.” (Psalm 27:7) It is the Sunday between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 51:1–12

What does this psalm tell us about sin?

Hear Luther’s comment: “This psalm is one of the chief didactic [teaching a moral lesson] psalms in which David teaches us what sin is, where it comes from, and the harm it does, and how we can get rid of it. For in this psalm, as nowhere else, sin is clearly depicted for what it is, namely, something we have inherited and are born with, which no work on our part, but only God’s grace and forgiveness, can help. God must create in us a new spirit, give us a new spiritual birth; if not, sin is so powerful, that, according to David’s psalm, it will crush our bones with fright and despair until God’s grace comes to comfort us. Then, when we have been made new people by grace and Spirit, and only then can we properly teach, praise, give thanks, and bear our crosses. That is what true worship is about, and the psalmist rejects all other forms of worship resorted to by foolish saints, and finally he asks God to edify and strengthen Zion so they can offer God such worship and sacrifice.”

Where in the Divine Service do verses 10-12 appear?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 81 (pages 98–99), question 162 (pages 153–154), question 224 (pages 193–194), and question 261 (page 218)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Ezekiel 36:22–28

Which commandment is broken in verses 22-23?

What is God promising to give to His people in the future? (verses 25–27)

Review the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, pages 23–25

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 15:26–16:4

Who is the Helper and why was He sent?

Why will men kill the apostles?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 95 (pages 107–108)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Peter 4:7–11 (12–14)

What three things is Peter instructing us to do?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 62 (pages 88–89) and question 155 (pages 148–149)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of The Third Article of the Creed with Explanation and Exaudi?