

FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

Fill in the missing words from the following Scripture verses.

_____ Shout _____ for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia. _____ Sing _____
the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia. — Psalm 66:1–2

The LORD is the everlasting God, the _____ Creator _____ of the ends of the
earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his _____ understanding _____
is unsearchable. — Isaiah 40:28b

The _____ steadfast love _____ of the Lord never ceases;
his _____ mercies _____ never come to an end; they are new every morning;
great is your _____ faithfulness _____. — Lamentations 3:22–23

Great is our LORD, and _____ abundant _____ in power; his understanding is
beyond _____ measure _____. — Psalm 147:5

Live as people who are free, not using your _____ freedom _____ as a cover-up
for evil, but living as _____ servants _____ of God. _____ Honor _____ everyone.
_____ Love _____ the brotherhood. _____ Fear _____ God. _____ Honor _____
the emperor. — 1 Peter 2:16–17

So also you have _____ sorrow _____ now, but I will see you again, and your
hearts will _____ rejoice _____, and no one will take your _____ joy _____
from you. — John 16:22



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Jubilate — The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Answer Key

INTROIT

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: Psalm 66:1–2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:27b; John 20:26a, c

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #490 — Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The First Commandment with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jubilate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Jubilate Deo omnis terra), meaning “Shout for joy to God, all the earth.” (Psalm 66:3)

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 147:1–11

What are some of the things this Psalm tells us about God?

He built up Jerusalem (His Christian church) and restores the outcasts of Israel (bringing people back to the faith). God heals His people’s pain, both physically and emotionally. God named the stars and knows their true nature (only God can see what is in our hearts). He lifts up the humble. God provides for the earth and beasts/animals (sun, clouds, water, grass, food, and all that is needed).

He is omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), and omnipresent (all-present).

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 108 (pages 116–117)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 40:25–31

What are the three characteristics of God? Give an example of each.

Omnipotent (all-powerful) — God is the Creator (verses 26 and 28)

Omniscient (all-knowing) — God knows the names of His creations (verse 26)

Omnipresent (all-present) — God is everlasting, He will always be there (verse 28)

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

Lamentations 3:22–33

What do verses 31–33 mean?

God does not take pleasure in our hardships. His compassion and steadfast love of His creations ensure us that our afflictions will not last longer than necessary. While we may not see it at the time, the affliction is teaching us for our benefit.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 16:16–22

What was Jesus talking about when he said, “A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

“A little while, and you will not see me” — Jesus’ death on the cross

“Again a little while, and you will see me” — Jesus’ resurrection from the dead

“Because I am going to the Father” — Jesus’ ascension to Heaven

What does verse 20 and 22 mean?

Verse 20: The apostles will “weep and lament” (passionately grieve) Jesus’ death on the cross without consolation, “but the world will rejoice” because they think they won. Their rejoicing will sting and your suffering will be great. “Your sorrow will turn into joy” refers to Jesus’ resurrection.

Verse 22: “Here Christ means the inner joy of heart, and the peace of the conscience, namely, that they know and believe that for Christ’s sake God will be gracious and merciful to them, forgive all their sin, and uphold them in their cross, and finally bring them to everlasting life. Amen, amen.” (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, page 189).

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Peter 2:11–20

What three things are taught in this lesson and what commandments do they refer to?

- Have good conduct, abstain from passions of the flesh
(6th Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.)
- Be obedient, follow the laws of man
(4th Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.)
- Servants to obey their masters (4th Commandment)

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 135 (pages 134–135) and question 296 (pages 237–239)

Optional Reading & Discussion Questions

1 John 3:1–3

What makes us children of God?

It is through Baptism that God calls us His own children. “It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.” (*Small Catechism*, page 24)

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 190 (pages 170–172) and question 205 (pages 180–181)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the First Commandment with Explanation and Jubilate?

God is in control. “We are to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.”