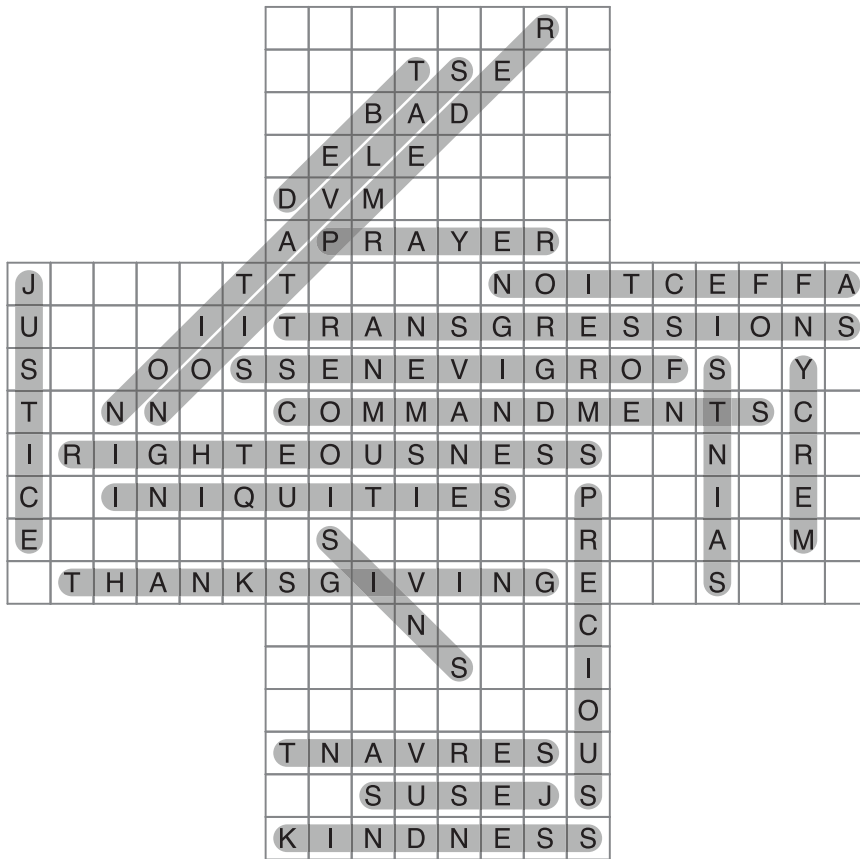


FRIDAY — ACTIVITY

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Answer Key

INTROIT

Psalm 130:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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.

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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 147:3

Alleluia. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #843 — "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer with Explanation (page 21)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 116:12–19

How can we repay God for everything He has done for us? (verses 12-14)

There is nothing we can do to “repay” God. However, it pleases God when we cling to His Word and Sacraments, and when we show love and mercy to our neighbor.

Luther said: “For we can return nothing to God except the vows of praise and confession, for we have all things from Him and He needs nothing of our goods.”

What does verse 16 mean?

God’s saints are precious in His sight. We are saints through Christ’s righteousness given to us at our baptism.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 112 (pages 118–119)

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Micah 6:6–8

What does the Lord require us to do? (verse 8)

The Lord instructs us to be just and merciful to our neighbor, and to follow Him.

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 18:21–35

How often should we forgive our neighbor? (verses 21-22)

Jesus said, “seventy-seven times.” This means there is no end or limits to forgiveness. We are to always forgive our neighbor.

What does the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant teach us? (verses 23–35)

Let this Gospel be ever before your heart and in your mind as you live your life, that you may learn to find the strength, and the wisdom, the heart, and the mind to forgive those who have sinned against you. You have been forgiven by the Blood of Christ. They too, are forgiven by the Blood of Christ which you apply to their debt to you. That’s how Christians live their life. Let all the anger that you cling to, or the grudges that you hold, or whatever it is that you have against your neighbors, let them all melt and waste away and be put away in the abundant sea and ocean of Christ’s Blood and mercy. Let this Gospel sink into your heart and mind and saturate all that you are, that you might truly learn to be a child of your Heavenly Father, and be merciful as He is merciful. And in so doing, you will find it much easier to forgive as you have been forgiven.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 226 (pages 194–195)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Philippians 1:3–11

Who did St. Paul thank in verse 3?

God

What was St. Paul thankful for?

God’s love and mercy.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 165 (pages 155–156)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer with Explanation and Trinity XXII?

A theme of forgiveness is shown throughout the readings.