Sunday – Psalm 1 LSB 705 – The Man Is Ever Blessed

- 1. Why is a man, or woman, blessed by God? v. 1-2
- 2. What is the blessed man like? v. 3
- 3. What is the fate of the wicked and the righteous? v. 4-6
- 4. How will you meditate on God's Word and be blessed this year?

Monday – Genesis 1 LSB 578 – Thy Strong Word

- 1. How were the three persons of the Trinity active in creation? v. 1-3
- 2. How were living things to reproduce? v. 11-12, 21, 24-25
- 3. What does it mean that man was made in the image of God? v. 26-27
- 4. How did God create you?

Tuesday – Genesis 2 LSB 858 – O Father, All Creating

- 1. How did God create man and woman specially? v. 7, 21-22
- 2. What did God give man to do in the garden of Eden? v. 15
- 3. What command did God give the man? v. 16-17
- 4. Who instituted and defined marriage as between a man and woman? v. 24

Wednesday – Genesis 3 LSB 561 – The Tree of Life

- 1. Who was the serpent and why did he fall from heaven?
- 2. How did the serpent tempt Adam and Eve to sin? v. 1, 4-5
- 3. What happened when they ate from the forbidden tree? v. 7-13
- 4. What was the first Gospel promise and Messianic prophecy? v. 15

Thursday – Genesis 4 LSB 572 – In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

- 1. What was the difference between how Cain and Abel gave their offering?
- 2. How did God punish Cain for killing his brother, and how did He show mercy?
- 3. How did the sin of Adam effect his descendants and us? v. 8-9, 23
- 4. When and how did public worship begin? v. 26

Friday – Genesis 5 LSB 569 – In Adam We Have All Been One

- 1. How was the birth of Seth different from the creation of Adam? v. 3
- 2. How was Enoch an example of what God originally intended for man? v. 24
- 3. Who and how old was the oldest man recorded in the Bible? v. 27
- 4. What happened to all of Adam's descendants?

Saturday – Isaiah 1 LSB 915 – Today Your Mercy Calls Us

- 1. Where and when was Isaiah a prophet of the Lord? v. 1
- 2. Why has the Lord rejected the people's worship? v. 2-4, 11-15 $\,$
- 3. What does the Lord desire of his people? v. 16-17, 27
- 4. How will the Lord turn their sins from scarlet to white? v. 18

For this week, memorize and meditate on the First Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament - Week 1

Sunday - Psalm 1

- 1. When they avoid the influence of unbelievers and meditate on God's Word.
- 2. He is like a tree, nourished by living water, which bears fruit of godliness.
- 3. The Lord knows the way of believers, but the unbelievers will perish.
- 4. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. (Luke 11:28)

Monday - Genesis 1

- 1. God the Father spoke His Word who is the Son (<u>John 1:1-3</u>). The Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, hovered over the waters.
- 2. Not by evolution but according to their kind.
- 3. Man had some of God's attributes: holy, righteous, faithful, good, just, loving
- 4. God knew and formed you in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5) and gave you a soul.

Tuesday - Genesis 2

- 1. God formed man from dust and breathed into him his soul. God formed woman from the man's side to be a fit and complimentary companion.
- 2. He was to work the ground, keep it, and be a good steward of the earth.
- 3. Man could eat from every tree but not the tree of knowledge, lest he die.
- 4. Not the government, media, or human opinion, but God alone.

Wednesday - Genesis 3

- 1. The evil angel, the devil, because of his pride. (Rev. 12:9, Ezekiel 28:11-19)
- 2. By questioning and twisting the Word of God.
- 3. They died spiritually, lost their relationship with God, and blamed others.
- 4. God would send a Savior who would suffer but crush the devil and his work.

Thursday - Genesis 4

- 1. Abel gave his offering with faith in God's promise of a Savior. (Heb. 11:4)
- 2. Cain became a wandering fugitive, but God protected his life with a mark.
- 3. We have inherited a sinful nature that sins. (Matthew 15:19, Romans 5:12)
- 4. With multiple families, believers began to worship in the name of the Lord.

Friday – Genesis 5

- 1. God created Adam in His image, but Seth was born in his father's sinful image
- 2. God took Enoch to heaven directly, without dying. (Hebrews 11:5-6)
- 3. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old . . . and then he died.
- 4. Because of sin, we all die, but because of Christ we live. (Romans 6:23)

- 1. The southern kingdom of Judah, circa 700-750 B.C., just before the exile
- 2. They had forsaken the Lord, sinned, and worshipped hypocritically.
- 3. Repent by ceasing evil and doing good.
- 4. The blood of Jesus and water of baptism cleanse us of all sin. (1 John 1:7-9)

Sunday – Psalm 2 LSB 398 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1. Who is the Lord's Anointed whom the kings of the earth are against? v. 2
- 2. Why does the Lord laugh at the kings of the earth? v. 4
- 3. Who is the Son whom the Lord begets? (Acts 16:32-33, Hebrews 5:5)
- 4. Those who do not honor the Lord's Son perish, but who are blessed? v. 12

Monday – Genesis 6 LSB 613 – To Thee Omniscient Lord of All

- 1. What does it mean that the sons of God married the daughters of men? v. 2
- 2. Why did God plan to judge the whole earth with a flood? v. 5-7, 11-13
- 3. Besides Noah, whom else did God find favor (was gracious) with? (Luke 1:30)
- 4. Why was Noah a righteous and blameless man who walked with God? v. 9

Tuesday – Genesis 7 LSB 596 – All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

- 1. Besides two of every animal, why did Noah take seven of every clean animal?
- 2. In the days of the flood, who alone remained in the Old Testament Church?
- 3. How is the flood a type of the Last Day judgment?
- 4. How is the flood a type of baptism?

Wednesday – Genesis 8 LSB 809 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1. What does it mean that God "remembered" Noah? v. 1 (Nehemiah 13:31)
- 2. What does the dove and olive branch symbolize for early Christians? v. 11
- 3. What did Noah do immediately after leaving the ark? v. 20
- 4. Why was the Lord pleased with the burnt offering? v. 21

Thursday – Genesis 9 LSB 575 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1. After the flood, how did God limit man's wickedness and violence? v. 5-6
- 2. What was God's unconditional covenant (promise) to all the earth? v. 9-11
- 3. How is the rainbow an example of how God works sacramentally? v. 12-13
- 4. Though wicked man drowned, what indicated that sinful nature continued?

Friday – Genesis 11 LSB 500 – Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

- 1. How did the people sin by building a tower to the heavens? v. 4
- 2. How did the Trinity ("let us") foil their plans and disperse them over earth?
- 3. When and how did God reverse the curse of Babel? (Acts 2:1-11)
- 4. From which descendants of Noah would God send a Savior for wicked man?

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 2</u> <u>LSB 653 – In Christ There Is No East or West</u>

- 1. What time do "the latter days" refer to? v. 1
- 2. What does "Mountain of the Lord" and "Mount Zion" refer to? v. 2-3
- 3. Besides the Jews, who else will join this messianic kingdom?
- 4. What does "beating swords into plowshares" represent? v. 4

Again this week, memorize and meditate on the First Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 2

Sunday – Psalm 2

- 1. The Anointed One is the Messiah, the Christ.
- 2. The Lord enthrones His Anointed King who reigns over them and all the earth
- 3. Divinity only begets Divinity. The Lord's only begotten Son is Jesus Christ.
- 4. Those who take refuge in Jesus are blessed. (Matt. 5:11-12, Matt. 25:34)

Monday - Genesis 6

- 1. Godly believers, descendants of Seth, intermarried with godless unbelievers.
- 2. Because of original sin, man was totally wicked, evil, corrupt, and violent.
- 3. The Lord found favor (was gracious) to the virgin Mary whose womb served as the ark of the Christ child.
- 4. Noah believed God's promise to save through the ark and Christ. (Heb. 11:7)

Tuesday – Genesis 7

- 1. After the flood, Noah sacrificed some of every clean animal as a type of Christ
- 2. 8 people: Noah, his wife, his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives
- 3. On the Last Day God will again judge unbelief. (Matt. 24:37-39, 2 Peter 2:5,9)
- 4. In Holy Baptism the old man drowns and dies, and the new man rises to new life. (2 Peter 3:18-21)

Wednesday - Genesis 8

- 1. God does not forget us, but he begins to work for our good.
- 2. Baptism by the Holy Spirit and the resulting peace with God.
- 3. He sacrificed burnt offerings to the Lord as an act of worship.
- 4. It was a sacrament which atoned for sin like Christ's sacrifice. (Lev. 1:3-4)

Thursday - Genesis 9

- 1. God instituted human government to take life for life. (Romans 13:1-4)
- 2. God would never again send a worldwide flood to destroy all flesh.
- 3. God joins His Word of promise to a visible element (rainbow) for a blessing.
- 4. Noah got drunk on his wine, Ham mocked him, and Noah cursed Ham's son.

Friday - Genesis 11

- 1. They disobeyed God's command to fill the earth and glorified themselves.
- 2. God cursed them with different languages to stop and disperse them.
- 3. Pentecost. The Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to preach in many languages
- 4. From Shem would descend Abraham, the Hebrew nation, and Christ the Lord

- 1. It is the time of the New Testament Church after Pentecost. (Acts 2:14-17)
- 2. Literally, Zion was the Temple Mount. Here it symbolizes God's N.T. Church.
- 3. All nations (Gentiles), many peoples will be drawn to the Word of the Lord.
- 4. Peace among Christians of all nations in the N.T. Church. (Luke 2:13-14)

Sunday – Psalm 5 LSB 869 – With the Lord Begin Your Task

- 1. When and to whom does David pray and what is his prayer? v. 1-3
- 2. What does the Lord hate and abhor? v. 4-6
- 3. Because of the Lord's steadfast love, what does David desire? v. 7-8
- 4. What does David pray for those who take refuge in the Lord? v. 11-12

Monday – Genesis 12 LSB 936 – Sing Praise to the God of Israel

- 1. How does the Lord call Abram? v. 1-3
- 2. What blessings does the Lord promise to Abram? v. 2-3, 7
- 3. How does Abram respond to the Lord's Gospel promises? v. 4, 7-8
- 4. How is Abram and Sara's sojourn in Egypt a type of the Israelites in Egypt?

Tuesday – Genesis 13 LSB 798 – The God of Abraham Praise v. 1-4

- 1. How is the Lord blessing Abram? v. 2, 5-6
- 2. How is Abram's faith in the Lord's provision manifested to his neighbor?
- 3. How does Lot's greed place him in peril? v. 10-13
- 4. How does Abram respond to the Lord's promise to give him the land? v. 18

Wednesday – Genesis 14 LSB 781 – We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1. How did Lot lose his freedom and all his possessions? v. 12
- 2. How does the Lord deliver Lot? v. 14-16
- 3. How does Abram show lack of greed but trust in the Lord? v. 20-24
- 4. How is Melchizedek a type of Christ? v. 18-20 (Hebrews 6:19-7:3)

Thursday – Genesis 15 LSB 580 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

- 1. Why does Abram guestion the Lord's former promises? v. 2-3
- 2. What was Abram's response to the Lord's promise and the result? v. 5-6
- 3. What does the Lord prophesy of Abram's descendants? v. 13-16
- 4. What does the fire pot passing through the pieces of the sacrifice mean? v.17 $\,$

Friday – Genesis 16 LSB 731 – O God, Forsake Me Not

- 1. How do Abram and Sarai try to fulfill the Lord's promise without His aid? v.2
- 2. What are the consequences of their sin? v. 4-6
- 3. Whom does Hagar believe the angel (messenger) of the LORD to be? v. 13
- 4. How is the prophecy fulfilled that Ishmael would be against his kinsmen?

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 5</u> <u>LSB 691 – Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing</u> tune 427

- 1. Who is the "beloved" who has the vineyard and what is the vineyard? v. 1, 7
- 2. What did God find when he looked for grapes? v. 2, 4
- 3. How does God discipline His people? v. 5-6
- 4. In Jesus' parable, Matthew 21:33-46, to whom does God give his vineyard?

For this week, memorize and meditate on the Second Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 3

Sunday - Psalm 5

- 1. David prays in the morning to his Lord, God, & King that He would hear him
- 2. Wickedness, evil, boasting, lying, deceit, and bloodthirsty acts.
- 3. David desires to enter the Lord's house, worship Him, and be led by the Lord.
- 4. That the Lord would protect, bless, and cover them with favor (be gracious).

Monday – Genesis 12

- 1. The Lord calls Abram with His Gospel promises. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)
- 2. The Lord promises Abram many descendants, the land of Canaan, and from those descendants the Messiah through whom all nations would be blessed.
- 3. By faith Abram obeys the Lord's command, builds an altar, and worships Him.
- 4. Pharaoh takes the Lord's bride, but through plagues they leave with plunder.

Tuesday - Genesis 13

- 1. Abram has so many possessions that the land cannot support him and Lot.
- 2. Abram is generous to Lot, allowing him to choose the more fertile land.
- 3. Lot's choosing the well-watered plain parked him near wicked men of Sodom
- 4. Abram built an altar to the Lord and worshipped Him.

Wednesday - Genesis 14

- 1. By dwelling in the wicked city of Sodom, Lot was captured in a civil war.
- 2. The Lord grants Abram victory over Lot's captors.
- 3. Abram takes none of the spoils of war but gives a tenth to the Lord.
- 4. Like the meaning of Melchizedek's name and title, Christ is forever the king of righteousness and the king of peace who blesses us through bread and wine.

Thursday – Genesis 15

- 1. Abram has no heir, no descendants to inherit the land, therefore no Messiah.
- 2. Abram believed the Lord, and God counted him righteousness. (Rom. 4:1-8)
- 3. They would be slaves 400 years in a foreign land but God would free them.
- 4. God will bear the burden of keeping the covenant by sacrificing His Son.

Friday – Genesis 16

- 1. They introduce a third party into their marriage to try to produce an heir.
- 2. Rivalry, contempt, and harsh treatment in the household.
- 3. She believes Him to be the God who sees her (most likely the Son of God).
- 4. From him descend the Arabic people who have rivaled the Jews for millennia.

- 1. God or God's Son, beloved of the Father. The vineyard is God's people, Israel.
- 2. He found wild grapes, the fruits of unrighteousness, injustice, and bloodshed
- 3. He removes His protection, provision, and care.
- 4. To other people, the Gentiles, whose faith will bear fruits of righteousness.

Sunday – Psalm 8 LSB 803 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1. Why is the LORD's name so majestic? v. 1, 3
- 2. What can God accomplish "out of the mouth of babes?" v. 2
- 3. Though man is lowly, over what has God given him dominion? v. 4-8

Monday – Genesis 17 LSB 898 – The Ancient Law Departs

- 1. How does God confirm His covenant with Abram? v. 5, 10
- 2. How did God begin a new covenant with us? (Luke 2:21)
- 3. How does God confirm His promise that Sarai will bear the Messiah? v.15-16
- 4. The sacrament of circumcision has been replaced by what N.T. sacrament?

Tuesday – Genesis 18 LSB 793 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

- 1. Who were the three men who appeared to Abraham? v. 10 (Genesis 19:1)
- 2. What action of love does Abraham show the 3 sojourners? v. 2-8
- 3. What does the LORD promise Abraham & how does Sara respond? v. 10, 12
- 4. How does the LORD answer Abraham's intercessory prayer for Sodom? v. 32

Wednesday – Genesis 19 LSB 511 – Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

- 1. What was an example of Sodom's wickedness bringing God's judgment? v. 5
- 2. How does the Lord deliver Lot? v. 15-22
- 3. What is the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah a type of? (Luke 17:28-35)
- 4. Does the end (preservation of family line) justify the means (incest)? v.34-38

Thursday – Genesis 21 LSB 850 – God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1. Why is the meaning of Isaac's name (he laughs) appropriate? v. 6
- 2. Why is the slave woman Hagar and her son cast out with God's approval?
- 3. What allegory does Paul make about Isaac and Ishmael? (Galatians 4:21-31)
- 4. When is it acceptable to swear an oath? v. 23-24, 31

Friday – Genesis 22 LSB 547 – The Lamb

- 1. What is significant about sacrificing Isaac on mount Moriah? v. 2
- 2. How is Isaac a type of Christ? v. 2, 6
- 3. How is the lamb/ram a type of Christ? v. 8, 13
- 4. How does Abraham show faith in the Lord's promise that from Isaac would descend the Messiah? v. 5

Saturday – Isaiah 6 LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1. Why does Isaiah cry out that he is lost? v. 5
- 2. How is Isaiah's guilt taken away so that God may send him to preach? v. 6-8
- 3. Why do we sing the Sanctus (from Isaiah 6:3) just before Communion?
- 4. In the N.T. when do people see the glory of the Lord and fail to believe? v.10

Again this week, memorize and meditate on the Second Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament - Week 4

Sunday – Psalm 8

- 1. His glory is in the heavens and evident in the creation of the universe.
- 2. By their praise, strength which overcome His enemies. (Matthew 21:15-16)
- 3. Over the work of God's hands, all the earth and its creatures. (Genesis 1: 26)

Monday - Genesis 17

- 1. God gives him a new name Abraham (father of a multitude) and circumcision
- 2. At His circumcision, Jesus was given His name and first shed His blood.
- 3. God changes her name to Sarah (princess) since kings would come from her.
- 4. The sacrament of Holy Baptism. (Colossians 2:11-12)

Tuesday – Genesis 18

- 1. One is the LORD (most likely the Son of God) and two are angels.
- 2. He shows them great hospitality. (Hebrews 13:2)
- 3. He promises that Sara will bear a son next year, and she laughs in disbelief.
- 4. For the sake of 10 righteous believers in Sodom, the Lord will not destroy it.

Wednesday - Genesis 19

- 1. Homosexual acts or sodomy (Leviticus 20:13)
- 2. Through His angels, the Lord protects him and provides a safe haven.
- 3. Judgment Day when God punishes the wicked but delivers the righteous.
- 4. No. Breaking God's command (<u>Leviticus 18:6</u>) resulted in two pagan nations, who were adversarial to God's people (<u>Deuteronomy 23:3-6</u>)

Thursday - Genesis 21

- 1. God turns Sara's former laugh of unbelief into laughter of joy.
- 2. From Isaac would come the Messiah, but God would still bless Ishmael.
- 3. We are not slaves of the law, but by faith we are children of God by promise.
- 4. For the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor court, wedding, office

Friday - Genesis 22

- 1. It was the future site of the Temple and its sacrifices. (2 Chronicles 3:1)
- 2. He is the only beloved son of his father and carries the wood to his sacrifice.
- 3. The lamb (Christ) is sacrificed in Isaac's (our) place. (John 1:29)
- 4. He believes that even if he kills Isaac, God will raise him. (Hebrews 11:17-19)

- 1. Because he, a sinner, was standing in the presence of a holy God.
- 2. The angel touches Isaiah's lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice.
- 3. We stand in the presence of a holy God at His altar where the Lord's messenger (the pastor) touches our mouth with Christ's sacrificial body and blood to atone for our sins so that we may depart in peace to serve the Lord.
- 4. The religious leaders saw the glory of Jesus and his miracles. (John 12:37-43)

Sunday – Psalm 19 LSB 579 – The Law of God Is Good and Wise

- 1. Even though they cannot speak, what else declares God's glory? v. 1-6
- 2. What rewards does the perfect instruction of the Lord provide? v. 7-11
- 3. Though it is impossible to confess all sin, what hope do we have? v. 12-13
- 4. What is the last prayer of David concerning his words and meditation? v. 14

Monday – Genesis 24 LSB 860 – Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

- 1. What oath does Abraham require of his servant for his son, Isaac? v.3-4,6
- 2. How did the LORD answer the servant's prayer? v. 27
- 3. Why did Rebekah and her family consent to the marriage? v. 50-51, 58
- 4. Why is it important to seek a spouse of the same Christian faith?

Tuesday – Genesis 25 LSB 759 – This Body in the Grave We Lay

- 1. What is the traditional funeral practice of Christians and why? v. 9-10
- 2. How does Isaac intercede for his barren wife and what is the result? v. 21
- 3. What is odd about the Lord's prophecy that the older will serve the younger?
- 4. How does Jacob live up to his name by cheating Esau of his birthright? v.31f

Wednesday – Genesis 27 LSB 922 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

- 1. How does Jacob again live up to his name's meaning of "he cheats"? v.18-29
- 2. What is the result of Jacob's deception? v. 41-45
- 3. Why is a blessing spoken on behalf of God called "performatory language"?
- 4. If you oversleep for worship, why should you still come for the benediction?

Thursday – Genesis 28 LSB 901 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1. What vision from the Lord does Jacob see in a dream at Bethel? v. 12
- 2. What does the LORD promise Jacob from the top of the ladder? v. 13-15
- 3. What is the ladder or stairway to heaven a type of? (John 1:51)
- 4. After receiving the Lord's promises, what vow does Jacob make? v. 20-22

Friday – Genesis 29 LSB 542 – When I Behold Jesus Christ

- 1. How does Jacob show, not lust (taking), but great love for Rachel? v. 18-20
- 2. What bride price does Jesus pay for his Church, and what is our dowery?
- 3. How does Jacob's cheating and deceit come back around on him? v. 23-27
- 4. How does the LORD bless Leah, and how does she respond? v. 31-35

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 7</u> <u>LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</u>

- 1. What does Judah's King Ahaz fear, and what does the LORD promise? v. 1-9
- 2. What does the LORD offer as proof, and how does Ahaz respond? v. 10-12 $\,$
- 3. What great sign will the LORD give to show His salvation for all people? v. 14
- 4. When did this great sign finally come? (Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25)

For this week, memorize and meditate on the Third Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 5

Sunday – Psalm 19

- 1. The heavens, sky, sun, and all the world display the greatness of the creator.
- 2. It revives, rejoices, makes wise, enlightens, and warns the soul and heart.
- 3. That God would declare us blameless by faith in Christ. (Colossians 1:21-23)
- 4. That they may be acceptable to the Lord, our Redeemer.

Monday - Genesis 24

- 1. To bring Isaac a believing wife from his kinsman back to the Promised Land.
- 2. Through Rebekah's hospitable sign, God led him to Abraham's kin.
- 3. They recognized the marriage proposal as the LORD's doing.
- 4. To receive God's spiritual blessings in marriage and family. (2 Cor. 6:14)

Tuesday – Genesis 25

- 1. Not cremation, but burial of the sacred body in the hope of the Resurrection.
- 2. Isaac prays to the Lord, and the Lord granted his prayer so that she conceived
- 3. An oldest son got the birthright (double portion) and blessing from the father
- 4. Jacob's name means "he takes by the heal" or literally "he cheats."

Wednesday – Genesis 27

- 1. He dressed up as his brother, lied to his father, & stole his brother's blessing.
- 2. He must flee from his brother Esau who in anger vows to kill him.
- 3. It does what it says. A person is actually blessed by the Lord.
- 4. Because you will be blessed by the Lord. "The Lord bless you and keep you."

Thursday - Genesis 28

- 1. He sees a ladder from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending
- 2. Many descendants, the Promised Land, and the Messiah to bless all nations
- 3. A type of Christ who is the ladder from earth to heaven for us.
- 4. The LORD would be his God, & he would give God a tenth of all He gave him.

Friday – Genesis 29

- 1. Jacob gives seven years of service to pay the bride price for his beloved.
- 2. Jesus pays with his holy precious blood and life so that we receive a room in the heavenly city of Jerusalem. (1 Peter 1:18-19, Rev. 21:1-3, John 14:1-3)
- 3. Laban deceives Jacob by disguising and giving him Leah instead of Rachel.
- 4. The LORD opens her womb, and she names her sons in honor of the LORD.

Saturday - <u>Isaiah 7</u>

- 1. The attack of his enemies, Syria and Ephraim, but God promises their fall.
- 2. The LORD offers to show him a great sign, but Ahaz refuses.
- 3. The virgin will bear a son who will be called Immanuel, meaning God with us.
- 4. With the conception and birth of Jesus Christ, "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary."

Sunday – Psalm 22 LSB 452 – O Perfect Life of Love

- 1. Which words of this Psalm direct us to the prayer of Jesus on the cross? v. 1
- 2. What other suffering does Christ endure on the cross? v. 7-8, 14-16, 18
- 3. When does God turn from forsaking Christ and rescue Him? v. 19-22
- 4. What will posterity proclaim about the Lord and what He has done? v. 30-31

Monday – Genesis 30 LSB 844 – Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

- 1. Though Jacob begets many children, what is wrong with many wives? v.1-24
- 2. How does the "cheater" show a change of heart & become honest? v. 32-33
- 3. How does Laban again seek to deceive and cheat Jacob? v. 35
- 4. How did the Lord bless Jacob's honesty? v. 43

Tuesday – Genesis 31 LSB 864 – Shepherd of Tender Youth

- 1. After Jacob fell from Laban's favor, what did the LORD say & promise? v. 3
- 2. How does Jacob recognize the Lord's blessings and promise? v. 5, 7, 9
- 3. How does God protect Jacob from Laban's angry pursuit? v. 24, 29
- 4. How does the family feud end? v. 44, 49-54

Wednesday – Genesis 32 LSB 686 - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1. When Jacob fears his brother Esau's retribution, what does he pray? v. 9-12
- 2. How does Jacob show his repentance for cheating his brother? v. 13-20
- 3. Who is the man or angel (Hosea 12:3-4) whom Jacob struggles with? v. 24,30
- 4. How did Jacob, renamed Israel, struggle with God and men and prevail? v.28

Thursday – Genesis 33 LSB 845 – Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1. How does Jacob show his humility and contrition to his brother? v. $\boldsymbol{3}$
- 2. How does Esau show his forgiveness and reconciliation to his brother? v. 4
- 3. Why is seeing Esau's face like seeing the face of God? v. 10
- 4. After safely returning to the Promised Land, what does Jacob do? v. 20

Friday – Genesis 37 LSB 544 – O Love, How Deep

- 1. How did Joseph exacerbate the sibling rivalry with his brothers? v. 2-11
- 2. What did Joseph's jealous brothers do to get revenge? v. 23-28
- 3. Who else was humiliated, stripped of his clothing, and betrayed for silver?
- 4. Whom else do the brothers hurt terribly by their great deceit? v. 32-35

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 9</u> <u>LSB 412 – The People That in Darkness Sat</u>

- 1. How had the LORD shown contempt for the land of Zebulun & Naphtali? v.1
- 2. How would these people of Galilee sitting in darkness see a great light? v. 2
- 3. Who is the child born, the son given, whose name is Mighty God? v. 6
- 4. What kind of government and reign will Christ have? v. 7

Again this week, memorize and meditate on the Third Article and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 6

Sunday – Psalm 22

- 1. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)
- 2. Mocking enemies, arms stretched out of joint, great thirst, garments divided by lot, pierced hands and feet.
- 3. When the Father receives His Spirit and raises Him from death. (Luke 23:46)
- 4. They will proclaim His righteousness and redemption to future generations.

Monday - Genesis 30

- 1. Rivalry, competition, strife. God's will for marriage is one man & one woman
- 2. Jacob sets up parameters to ensure a fair distribution of the flock with Laban.
- 3. Laban removed the stock belonging to Jacob and hid them in other pastures.
- 4. Despite Jacob's superstitious breeding principles, the Lord increased his herd

Tuesday - Genesis 31

- 1. Return to the Promised Land of your kindred, and I will be with you.
- 2. He credits his protection and prosperity to the LORD and readies for home.
- 3. God warns Laban in a dream not to say anything good or bad to Jacob.
- 4. They make a covenant with God as witness to do no harm to one another.

Wednesday – Genesis 32

- 1. Jacob confesses his unworthiness and prays the Lord's promises back to Him.
- 2. Jacob gifts Esau flocks & herds to make up for taking his birthright & blessing.
- 3. It is God, most likely the preincarnate Son of God in human form.
- 4. He struggled against God & men by deceit, but now prevails with trust & love

Thursday – Genesis 33

- 1. Jacob bows himself to the ground seven times before his brother.
- 2. Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, kissed him, and wept for joy.
- 3. Jacob rejoices that Esau's forgiveness is also God's forgiveness. (Matt. 16:19)
- 4. He builds an altar to worship the Lord his God, the God of Israel.

Friday - Genesis 37

- 1. Besides a bad report, he told of his dreams where they bowed down to him.
- 2. They stripped him of his robe and sold him into slavery for 20 shekels of silver
- 3. Jesus Christ in his betrayal by a brother, Judas, humiliation and stripping in his passion and crucifixion. (Matthew 26:15, Matthew 27:28-31, Luke 23:34)
- 4. They lie to their father, Jacob, and cause him grief, sadness, and mourning.

- 1. The idolatry of the northern tribes brought God's discipline by Assyria.
- 2. They would see Jesus' ministry in Galilee, preaching & healing (Mt. 4:12-17)
- 3. Jesus Christ (Luke 2:7, John 3:16, Luke 19:37)
- 4. Reigns in the hearts of men now and forever in heaven <u>Luke 17:21</u>, <u>Rev 11:15</u>

Sunday – Psalm 23 LSB 710 – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

- 1. As my shepherd, how does the LORD lead me? v. 1-3
- 2. How and when is the LORD present with me? v. 4
- 3. How does the Lord provide for me now and forever? v. 5-6
- 4. In what way is Jesus our Good Shepherd? (John 10:14-15)

Monday – Genesis 39 LSB 746 – Through Jesus' Blood and Merit

- 1. Though Joseph was sold as a slave, how was the LORD with him? v. 2-6
- 2. By committing adultery, whom else would Joseph have sinned against? v. 9
- 3. How does he overcome the continued temptation from Potiphar's wife? v.12
- 4. After Joseph's unjust imprisonment, how was the LORD still with him? v. 21f

Tuesday – Genesis 40 LSB 750 – If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

- 1. Though we all may have dreams at night, who alone can interpret them? v.8
- 2. How does God show his omniscience about the future through Joseph? v.21f
- 3. Though the cupbearer forgot Joseph who did not? v. 23
- 4. Who else was punished unjustly and had 2 companions, 1 saved and 1 lost?

Wednesday – Genesis 41 LSB 491 – Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

- 1. How did the LORD raise Joseph out of the pit? v. 9-16
- 2. Whom do Joseph and Pharaoh credit for interpreting dreams? v.16, 38-39
- 3. How does God provide daily bread for the Egyptians, the world, and us?
- 4. Who else was exalted from the pit to rule a kingdom & took a Gentile bride?

Thursday – Genesis 42 LSB 606 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus

- 1. How do Joseph's dreams come true? v. 6
- 2. What guilt had Joseph's brothers carried with them for years? v. 21-22
- 3. Why are the brothers afraid when they find their silver in their sacks? v.28,35
- 4. How will Reuben take responsibility for the loss of Jacob's sons? v. 37

Friday – Genesis 43 LSB 559 – Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

- 1. Whose idea was it to sell Joseph, and how does he try to amend it? v. 8-9
- 2. What is Jacob's hope when his sons return to Egypt for more food? v. 14
- 3. How does the steward calm the brothers' fears about the silver? v. 23
- 4. How does Joseph conceal and show his compassion for Benjamin? v. 29-34

Saturday – Isaiah 11 LSB 342 – What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

- 1. Who is the shoot who comes from Jesse, upon whom the Spirit rests? v. 1-2
- 2. How is the Messiah different from earthly kings? v. 3-5 $\,$
- 3. What kind of kingdom is described in verses 6-10?
- 4. When will the remnant of God's people be gathered to begin this kingdom?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 7

Sunday - Psalm 23

- 1. He leads me to bodily and spiritual sustenance so I will not be in want.
- 2. Through His Word & Sacraments, He is present with me even in trying times.
- 3. At His table He feeds me His body and blood for forgiveness and life eternal.
- 4. Jesus knows us each by name and lays down His life for us on the cross.

Monday - Genesis 39

- 1. The LORD blessed Joseph's service & his master's house so he was promoted.
- 2. Ultimately, all sins against others are also sins against God.
- 3. Joseph flees from the temptation. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
- 4. The LORD gave him favor with the prison keeper and blessed his service.

Tuesday - Genesis 40

- 1. Only God has the omniscience to rightly interpret dreams. Daniel 2:27-28, 47
- 2. What the LORD prophesied of the butler & baker through Joseph came true.
- 3. The LORD was still with Joseph as He is with us. (Hebrews 13:5)
- 4. Jesus on the cross with two thieves, 1 repentant and 1 not. (Luke 23:39-43)

Wednesday - Genesis 41

- 1. The cupbearer told Pharaoh how Joseph had rightly interpreted dreams.
- 2. Not man, but God gives the interpretation.
- 3. God works through the earth, weather, laborers, government, and wisdom.
- 4. After His humiliation, Christ rose, ascended into heaven, and was exalted to the right hand of God. (Acts 2:32-33) Jesus takes His Church as His Gentile bride

Thursday – Genesis 42

- 1. His brothers bowed to him as governor of Egypt.
- 2. They were burdened in soul about how they sold their brother into slavery.
- 3. God is punishing their harm to Joseph by implicating them as thieves.
- 4. Reuben offers the lives of his two sons as payment.

Friday - Genesis 43

- 1. Judah (Genesis 37:26-27) will take the blame if Benjamin is lost.
- 2. Jacob hopes that God would grant them mercy and return his sons.
- 3. He pronounces peace, credits their God, and restores their brother Simeon.
- 4. Joseph privately weeps for joy but publicly blesses him with many portions.

Saturday - Isaiah 11

- 1. Jesus Christ, descended from David (Jesse's son) anointed at His baptism.
- 2. He does not judge by mere appearances but in righteousness and truth.
- 3. The Messianic kingdom of peace in the N.T. Church among believers.
- 4. At Pentecost when the Gospel goes out to all nations. (Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-11)

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 1st Commandment and its meaning

Sunday – Psalm 25 LSB 615 – When in the Hour of Deepest Need

- 1. In whom does David trust and for what? v. 1, 6, 20
- 2. Trusting in God's mercy, what does David confess and request? v. 7, 11, 18
- 3. For what else does David pray? v. 4-5, 8-9, 12
- 4. Besides praying for himself, for whom else does David pray? v. 22

Monday – Genesis 44 LSB 543 – What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1. What is Joseph's purpose in all his secrecy & shenanigans with his brothers?
- 2. Are the brothers sorry, to whom, and for what? v. 16
- 3. How does Judah, in particular, show his repentance? v. 33-34
- 4. What descendant of Judah took our place when we were found guilty?

Tuesday – Genesis 45 LSB 719 – I Leave All Things to God's Direction

- 1. Though Joseph's brothers were expecting revenge, what does he do? v.3, 15
- 2. Instead of blaming them, to whom does Joseph credit deliverance? v. 5-9
- 3. How does Joseph show his forgiveness of their sin? v. 10-11, 21-22
- 4. As Jacob rejoiced that his son was alive, in whom do we rejoice who is alive?

Wednesday – Genesis 47 LSB 775 – Be Present at Our Table, Lord

- 1. How does Pharaoh bless Jacob's family? v. 5-6
- 2. What is ironic about Jacob blessing Pharaoh? v. 10
- 3. How is Pharaoh blessed by Jacob's family? v. 13-26
- 4. Why is it so important to Jacob to be buried with his fathers and not in Egypt?

Thursday – Genesis 49 LSB 821 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1. How is Jacob's prophecy fulfilled that Simeon and Levi will be scattered? v.7
- 2. How is it fulfilled that the scepter will not depart from Judah? v. 10
- 3. How is the blessing of Joseph fulfilled in his sons Ephraim & Manasseh? v.22f
- 4. What does it mean that Jacob was gathered to his people? v. 29, 33

Friday – Genesis 50 LSB 843 – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

- 1. How do Jacob's family and the Egyptians honor his body? v. 1-14
- 2. How do Joseph's brothers seek final reconciliation? v.17-18
- 3. From whom does Joseph find the power and motivation to forgive? v. 19-21
- 4. What does Joseph reveal in his final instructions to his brothers? v. 24-25

Saturday – Isaiah 12 LSB 729 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

- 1. For what do we give thanks to the LORD? v. 1
- 2. In whom are we trusting and for what? v. 2
- 3. Who provides the water from the wells of salvation? v. 3
- 4. What is our response to the LORD's salvation in the Holy One of Israel?v.4-6

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 2nd Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 8

Sunday - Psalm 25

- 1. David trusts in the LORD for His love, mercy, and deliverance.
- 2. David confesses his sin and guilt and requests God's pardon and forgiveness.
- 3. David prays for the LORD's teaching and instruction in His truth and ways.
- 4. He prays for the nation of Israel that God would redeem them from trouble

Monday - Genesis 44

- 1. Joseph is ascertaining if his brothers are repentant of their sin against him.
- 2. Judah confesses that God has found out their guilt of selling their brother Joseph into slavery and that they deserve to become slaves themselves.
- 3. Judah volunteers to take Benjamin's place for his sake and his father's.
- 4. Jesus Christ took our place, suffered, and died for our guilt on the cross.

Tuesday – Genesis 45

- 1. Joseph embraced his brothers, wept, and spoke kindly with them.
- 2. Joseph believes that his troubles were part of God's plan to save the nation.
- 3. Joseph promises to provide for them and their families during the famine.
- 4. We rejoice that, though Jesus died for our sins, He is now risen and alive.

Wednesday - Genesis 47

- 1. For Joseph's sake, Pharaoh gives them the best of the land for their flocks.
- 2. The lowly shepherd blesses the mighty king, the inferior blesses the superior.
- 3. Through Joseph's wise administration, Pharaoh gains all the money and land in Egypt with a continuing yearly tax of one fifth of all the produce.
- 4. He desires to be buried in the land God promised to him, Isaac, and Abraham

Thursday - Genesis 49

- 1. Simeon was absorbed into Judah; the Levites were priests in all the land.
- 2. From Judah would come the line of kings, culminating with Jesus Christ.
- 3. Each becomes a powerful tribe and receives a portion in the Promised Land.
- 4. Though his body is buried, Jacob's soul joins the saints in heaven.

Friday - Genesis 50

- 1. They embalm him, grieve for days, form a funeral procession, and bury him.
- 2. They humble themselves, confess their sin, and plead for forgiveness.
- 3. Joseph remembers God's forgiveness and grace in his life. (Romans 8:28)
- 4. His faith in God's promise to give them the Promised Land. (Hebrews 11:22)

- 1. For Christ's sake, the LORD has turned from His anger to comfort us.
- 2. I am trusting Thee Lord Jesus . . . trusting Thee for full salvation great and free
- 3. Jesus provides a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)
- 4. We give thanks to the Lord, pray, sing praise, and proclaim Him to the nations

Sunday – Psalm 32 LSB 608 – Lord, to You I Make Confession

- 1. Who is blessed by the LORD? v. 1-2
- 2. What happens when we keep silent and fail to confess our sins? v. 3-4
- 3. What happens when we confess our sin to the LORD? v. 5
- 4. What happens to our spirit after receiving the LORD's forgiveness? v. 11

Monday – Exodus 1 LSB 517 – By All Your Saints in Warfare v. 1, 9, 3

- 1. What promise is the LORD fulfilling to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? v. 7-9
- 2. What happens when Satan and the world persecute God's Church? v. 12, 20
- 3. Why did God bless the midwives for disobeying Pharaoh? v. 17, 21
- 4. Besides Pharaoh, what other king feared for his throne & killed infants? v. 22

Tuesday – Exodus 2 LSB 756 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

- 1. What is ironic about how God saved the child Moses? v. 7-10
- 2. What happens when Moses tries to deliver his people his way? v. 11-15
- 3. How does God humble Moses to prepare him to lead God's way? v. 16-22
- 4. What happens when we cry out to God because of our suffering? v. 23-25

Wednesday – Exodus 3 LSB 540 – Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

- 1. Who is the angel/messenger of the LORD who speaks from the bush? v. 2-6
- 2. What does the LORD see and promise concerning His people? v. 7-10, 16-17
- 3. Who else applied the personal name of God, I AM (Yahweh) to himself?
- 4. How would the LORD deliver His people out of Egypt? v. 10, 20-22

Thursday – Exodus 4 LSB 681 - Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

- 1. What does the LORD give Moses to confirm his word as a prophet? v. 2-9, 17
- 2. When Moses complains of poor oratory, what does God promise? v. 11-16
- 3. What does God vow if Pharaoh refuses to release His firstborn son? v. 22-23
- 4. How did the people respond to God's promise to deliver them? v. 31

Friday – Exodus 5-6:1 LSB 657 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1. What does Moses request of Pharaoh? v. 1, 3
- 2. How does Pharaoh respond? v. 2, 4-9
- 3. After the people suffer more, whom do they blame? v. 21
- 4. What is Moses' complaint and what is the LORD's answer? v. 5:22-6:1

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 25</u> <u>LSB 477 – Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven</u>

- 1. What does the feast which God makes for all people represent? v. 6
- 2. What is the covering cast over all people which the LORD swallows up?v.7-8
- 3. What does the Lord remove from His resurrected saints? v. 8
- 4. On the Day of Resurrection, what will the saints in heaven do? v. 9

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 3rd Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 9

Sunday – Psalm 32

- 1. The one whose sin the LORD forgives, covers, & does not count against him.
- 2. Our spirit weakens, and we feel the heavy hand of the LORD against our guilt.
- 3. The LORD forgives the iniquity of our sin. (LSB 184)
- 4. We are glad, rejoice in the LORD, and shout for joy with an upright heart.

Monday - Exodus 1

- 1. The LORD is giving them many descendants.
- 2. The LORD multiplies and spreads His Church. (Matthew 16:18)
- 3. God & His law must be obeyed over the law of human government. Acts 5:29
- 4. King Herod killed the baby boys of Bethlehem. (Matthew 2:16-18)

Tuesday – Exodus 2

- 1. His mother is paid to nurse her own child & he grows up in Pharaoh's house.
- 2. Moses commits murder and must flee the country from Pharaoh.
- 3. The former prince of Egypt became a fugitive in a foreign land herding sheep
- 4. God keeps His promise to deliver us from the slavery of sin by His Messiah.

Wednesday – Exodus 3

- 1. It is the LORD God himself, mostly like the Son of God, the Word of God.
- 2. He sees their suffering & vows to bring them to the land promised Abraham.
- 3. Jesus said, "I AM the bread of life . . . the light of the world . . . the gate . . . the good shepherd . . . the resurrection . . . the vine . . . the way, truth, and light.
- 4. Through Moses, God strikes Egypt with plagues, and they exit with plunder.

Thursday - Exodus 4

- 1. The LORD gives Moses miraculous signs/miracles through the staff.
- 2. God promises to be with his mouth and gives Aaron to speak for him.
- 3. The LORD will kill Pharaoh's firstborn son (the tenth plague).
- 4. They believed God's promise and worshipped Him.

Friday - Exodus 5-6:1

- 1. That God's people may go to worship the LORD in the wilderness.
- 2. He denies their worship and punishes them with harsher labor.
- 3. Instead of Pharaoh, they blame Moses and ask the LORD to judge him.
- 4. That the LORD has brought evil to His people, that He sent the wrong guy, & that He hasn't delivered, but the LORD promises deliverance by His strong hand

- 1. The kingdom of heaven where God invites all people to come. (Mt. 22:1-10)
- 2. At the Resurrection, the Lord swallows up death forever. (1 Cor. 15:54-57)
- 3. God wipes away tears of sorrow and the reproach of their sin. (Rev. 7:13-17)
- 4. They will be glad and rejoice in the LORD's salvation.

Sunday – Psalm 33 LSB 395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

- 1. Why do the righteous sing for joy, praise, & give thanks to the LORD? v. 1-5
- 2. How were the heavens & earth, angels & inhabitants of earth made? v. 6-9
- 3. In what are we not to trust for salvation? v. 10, 16-17
- 4. In whom do we trust and hope and for what? v. 18-22

Monday – Exodus 7 LSB 597 – Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

- 1. Who else had power to do similar signs as God gave Moses? v. 11-2, 22
- 2. Who are the counterparts to Moses and Pharaoh, dueling for the Israelites?
- 3. How is the LORD beginning to save His people through water & blood? v. 14f
- 4. How does the LORD save us in a miraculous way through water and blood?

Tuesday – Exodus 8 LSB 802 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1. What does Pharaoh request of Moses & what does he promise? v. 8
- 2. In the initial plagues, who hardens Pharaoh's heart? v. 15, 19, 32
- 3. To whom do the magicians attribute the plague of gnats? v. 18-19
- 4. The first 3 plagues struck all the land, but what happened in the 4th? v. 22

Wednesday – Exodus 9 LSB 352 – Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

- 1. Who hardened Pharaoh's heart after the plague of boils? v. 12
- 2. Besides the Israelites, whom else does God spare from the hail? v. 20
- 3. During the plague of hail, what does Pharaoh do? v. 28
- 4. After the LORD removes the hail, what does Pharaoh do again? v. 34-35

Thursday – Exodus 10 LSB 867 – Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

- 1. What were the Israelites to tell their sons and grandsons and why? v. 2
- 2. What happened to the land the former Pharaoh gained through Joseph? v.7
- 3. What does Pharaoh do during the plague of locusts? v. 16-17
- 4. Besides showing His power over creation, what else is the LORD showing?

Friday – Exodus 11 LSB 496 – Holy Spirit, Light Divine

- 1. What did the LORD's favor and Moses' standing do for the Israelites? v. 2-3
- 2. What was the final plague/sign/miracle which freed the Israelites? v. 4-8
- 3. Despite the miracles, Pharaoh hardened his heart until who hardened it?v.10
- 4. Besides Pharaoh, who else hardened their hearts in spite of God's miracles?

Saturday – Isaiah 40 LSB 347 – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

- 1. After prophesying exile for idolatry, what does Isaiah now prophesy? v. 1-2
- 2. What is this comfort and pardon of iniquity based upon? v. 3-5
- 3. The flesh of all people withers & fades, but what/who stands forever? v. 6-8
- 4. Who tends his people like a shepherd his flock? v. 9-11 (John 10:2-4, 11)

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 4th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 10

Sunday – Psalm 33

- 1. His word is upright, His work is done in faithfulness, His loves fills the earth.
- 2. God created all things by His Word alone, out of nothing.
- 3. The counsel of nations, plans of people, kings, armies, their strength & might.
- 4. We trust and hope in the LORD for His love, help, and deliverance from death

Monday – Exodus 7

- 1. Pharaoh's sorcerers and magicians by the power of the devil.
- 2. The LORD is dueling the devil for the freedom of His people from false gods.
- 3. God uses these earthly elements in a miraculous way to strike their enemies.
- 4. By the water of Holy Baptism & the blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, the LORD forgives our sins and delivers us from our enemies of sin, death, and devil

Tuesday - Exodus 8

- 1. To plead to the LORD to remove the frogs & he will let them go sacrifice.
- 2. Pharaoh stubbornly hardens his own heart and breaks his promise.
- 3. When they can't reproduce the sign, they realize it is the hand God.
- 4. The plague fell only on the Egyptians, and God spared the Israelites.

Wednesday – Exodus 9

- 1. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart. (Romans 9:14-18)
- 2. The servants of Pharaoh who feared and believed the Word of the LORD.
- 3. He repents, confesses his sins, and vows to let the Israelites go worship.
- 4. Pharaoh sinned again and hardened his own heart.

Thursday – Exodus 10

- 1. About the plagues & signs against the Egyptians so they may know the LORD.
- 2. It was ruined because this Pharaoh oppressed the descendants of Joseph.
- 3. He confesses his sin against the LORD, asks for forgiveness, and requests Moses to plead to the LORD on his behalf.
- 4. His power over all the Egyptian gods, Nile, earth, fertility, sky, sun, & Pharaoh

Friday – Exodus 11

- 1. The Egyptians were favorable disposed to them and gave them great wealth.
- 2. The LORD will strike down the firstborn of all Egypt but spare His people.
- 3. Pharaoh's continual rejecting God's word and signs led to God hardening him
- 4. The scribes attributed Jesus' miracles to the power of Satan. (Mark 3:22-30)

- 1. Comfort, tender words, an end to warfare, and a pardon of iniquity from God
- 2. Prepared hearts (repentance) and faith in the glory of the LORD (Christ).
- 3. The Word of God which also became flesh in Jesus. (John 1:14)
- 4. The LORD God, Jesus Christ, shepherds us and lays down his life for us.

Sunday – Psalm 34 LSB 637 – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1. In the Benedicamus, how can we sinners say, "Let us bless the Lord"? v. 1
- 2. After praising and seeking the LORD, how does the LORD respond? v. 4-7
- 3. When do we "taste and see that the LORD is good"? v. 8
- 4. Though Christians have many afflictions, what does the LORD do? v. 19-22

Monday – Exodus 12 LSB 633 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1. How was the Passover Lamb like Jesus? v. 5, 8, 13, 21, 23, 46
- 2. Why did the Israelites eat unleavened bread for the Passover? v.14-20,33-34
- 3. What promise did the LORD keep to Abraham? v. 35-41 (Genesis 15:13-14)
- 4. Who ate the Passover meal, and who was not allowed to eat of it? v. 43-48

Tuesday – Exodus 13 LSB 918 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1. How did the people remember God's deliverance by the 10th plague?v.11-16
- 2. Who else brought their firstborn son to be consecrated to the LORD?
- 3. Instead of the short route to the Promised Land, where did God lead them?
- 4. How did the LORD go before the Israelites to lead them out of Egypt? v. 21f

Wednesday – Exodus 14 LSB 590 – Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

- 1. What drove Pharaoh to change his mind and pursue the Israelites? v. 4-9
- 2. After God's deliverance in the plagues, how did the people respond?v.10-12
- 3. How did the LORD fight for the Israelites? v. 14, 19-27.
- 4. How is the crossing of the Red Sea a type of baptism? v.28-31 (1 Cor. 10:1-2)

Thursday – Exodus 15 LSB 487 – Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1. What is the first recorded Hymn of Praise recorded in the Bible? v. 1-18
- 2. In this praise hymn, who is the main subject driving all the verbs?
- 3. When the people grumbled against Moses, what did the LORD do? v. 23-24
- 4. What is bitter to us, but made sweet by a log?

Friday – Exodus 16 LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven

- 1. What is the Israelites' complaint, and how did the LORD respond? v.2-3,9-12
- 2. How did the LORD fulfill His promise? v. 13-15
- 3. Instead of grumbling, how do we show faith in the LORD for our daily bread?
- 4. Who is the living bread come down from heaven of whom we eat & not die?

Saturday – Isaiah 42 LSB 817 – Earth and All Stars

- 1. Who is God's humble, gentle, beloved servant, who brings justice? v. 1-4
- 2. What does the LORD do for those He calls in righteousness? v. 6-7
- 3. Why does the LORD's glory and praise surpass idols and false gods? v. 8-9
- 4. Who sings to the LORD a new song of praise? v. 10-12

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 5th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 11

Sunday - Psalm 34

- 1. The lesser person *praises* the greater person for his ability for success.
- 2. He answers and delivers as does "The angel of the LORD" (Christ). (Dan. 6:22)
- 3. In Communion we take the body of the Lord into our mouth for forgiveness.
- 4. He delivers us from all afflictions and redeems those who take refuge in Him.

Monday - Exodus 12

- 1. It was unblemished, its flesh was eaten by God's people, its blood saves from death, it was killed for them, none of its bones were broken. (John 19:33-37)
- 2. Left in haste before the dough could rise. Leaven is a symbol of sin, impurity.
- 3. After 400 years of slavery, his many descendants were freed with wealth
- 4. God's people, the congregation of the Israelites but no uncircumcised person

Tuesday - Exodus 13

- 1. All the firstborn of the animals belonged to God. The sons were redeemed.
- 2. Mary & Joseph brought their first son Jesus to the Temple. (Luke 2:22-23)
- 3. Into the wilderness toward the Red Sea and Mt. Sinai (Horeb). (Exodus 3:12)
- 4. The LORD guided them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Wednesday – Exodus 14

- 1. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart to bring glory to God in his defeat.
- 2. They cried out in fear of death, complained to Moses, & preferred servitude.
- 3. The angel of God in the pillar of cloud stood between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The LORD confused the Egyptians and drowned them in the Red Sea.
- 4. The unbelieving man drowns, but the believing man rises to live a new life.

Thursday - Exodus 15

- 1. The song of Moses & Israelites praising the LORD for saving at the Red Sea.
- 2. The LORD casts, shatters, overthrows, blows, stretches, redeems, guides
- 3. He made the bitter water at Marah sweet by casting a log into the water.
- 4. The accusing Law is bitter, but the cross of Christ makes the Gospel sweet.

Friday – Exodus 16

- 1. They hungered for the bread of Egypt, but the LORD promised bread & meat.
- 2. The LORD provided quail in the evening and bread (manna) in the morning.
- 3. We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," all we need for our body.
- 4. Jesus Christ gives us His body in the bread of Holy Communion. John 6:47-58

- 1. Jesus Christ, Son of God, anointed by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 12:15-21)
- 2. He takes our hand, opens our eyes, and frees us from the prison of darkness.
- 3. By His omniscience & omnipotence He declares the future & makes it happen
- 4. All who inhabit the earth, sea, coast, desert, and mountain top.

Sunday – Psalm 42 LSB 752 – Be Still, My Soul

- 1. How is the deer thirsting for water like our soul? v. 1-2
- 2. When people say, "Where is your God?" what should we do? v. 3-4
- 3. When our soul is downcast and in turmoil, what should we do? v. 5
- 4. Who else sorrowed in his soul, yet entrusted his spirit to God?

Monday – Exodus 17 LSB 761 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- 1. When the people thirsted and tested the LORD, what did He do? v. 1-7
- 2. Who was the rock that provided water for the people to drink? 1 Cor.10:1-4
- 3. How do the Israelites (the Church militant) defeat their adversaries? v. 8-13
- 4. Who provided the victory, and how is He remembered? v. 14-16

Tuesday – Exodus 18 LSB 854 – Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

- 1. What led Jethro to believe and confess the LORD as the true God? v. 8-11
- 2. What resulted from Jethro's belief and confession? v. 12
- 3. When Moses tried to be the sole leader/judge, what did Jethro advise? v.17f
- 4. When fellow Christians observe our life & offer wisdom, what should we do?

Wednesday – Exodus 19 LSB 727 – On Eagles' Wings

- 1. What words of Gospel did the LORD instruct Moses to tell the people? v. 4
- 2. What conditional (Law) covenant did the LORD make with the people? v.5-6
- 3. How did the people respond to the LORD's covenant offer? v. 8
- 4. Moses is the mediator of the old covenant (v. 16-25). Who is our mediator?

Thursday – Exodus 20 LSB 581 – These Are the Holy Ten Commands vs. 1-6

- 1. Concerning His Commandments, what does the LORD promise? v. 5-6
- 2. When the people feared God and trembled, what did they plead? v. 18-19
- 3. What is one purpose of the Ten Commandments? v. 20
- 4. What are the three types of Law which God gave to the Israelites?

Friday – Exodus 22 LSB 698 – May We Thy Precepts, Lord Fulfill

- 1. What was the penalty for stealing or damaging personal property? v. 1-14 $\,$
- 2. How did God view premarital sex? v. 16
- 3. What was the punishment for mistreating widows or the fatherless? v.22-24
- 4. How did God show compassion to the poor who needed to borrow? v. 25-27

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 43</u> <u>LSB 728 - How Firm a Foundation</u>

- 1. Who created, redeemed, and called you by name? v. 1
- 2. How are God's people different from the worshippers of false gods? v. 8-13 $\,$
- 3. What was the former thing God did and what is the new thing? v. 16-21
- 4. God's people burden Him with their sins, but what does God do? v. 24-25

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 6th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 12

Sunday - Psalm 42

- 1. Our soul thirsts to appear before the living God at the Temple. (John 7:37-39)
- 2. Lead them and go to the house of God for worship where He promises to be.
- 3. Remember God, pray and hope in Him and His salvation, & again praise Him.
- 4. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane and on the cross. (Matt. 26:36-39, Luke 23:46)

Monday – Exodus 17

- 1. The LORD had Moses strike the rock at Horeb, and water came out to drink.
- 2. Christ was the rock who accompanied them through the desert. (John 19:34)
- 3. By the instruction and blessing of Moses the prophet with the staff of God.
- 4. The LORD. Moses recorded the victory in a book & built an altar for worship.

Tuesday – Exodus 18

- 1. He heard the testimony of Moses about the LORD's deliverance from Egypt.
- 2. He worshipped God by offering sacrifices and communed with the Israelites.
- 3. Appoint trustworthy men who fear God to help Moses lead/judge the people
- 4. Like Moses (v. 24), we should listen and then consider their godly advice.

Wednesday – Exodus 19

- 1. How God defeated the Egyptians & brought them on eagles' wings to Himself
- 2. If they obeyed God's voice and covenant, they would be His holy people.
- 3. They promised, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do."
- 4. Christ is our mediator of the new covenant which forgives our sins. Heb. 9:15

Thursday - Exodus 20

- 1. To punish those who hate Him, but showing His love to those who keep them
- 2. For Moses to speak to them & they would listen, instead of God lest they die.
- 3. So we fear God and not sin.
- 4. Moral (Ten Commandments), Ceremonial (Worship), and Civil (State).

Friday – Exodus 22

- 1. Not incarceration, but making restitution, often paying double the amount.
- 2. It fulfilled the one flesh union and was tantamount to marriage.
- 3. God will hear their cry, His wrath will burn, and He will kill the offender.
- 4. They should be charged no interest and be returned necessary collateral.

- 1. The Father created you in the womb, the Son redeemed you at the cross, and the Holy Spirit called and sanctified you by the Gospel and Holy Baptism.
- 2. They can't prove their false god right, but we give witness to God's salvation.
- 3. God delivered His O.T. Church by drowning its enemies in water, but now He delivers His N.T. Church by giving the water of life. (John 4:14, John 7:37-39)
- 4. God blots out our sins for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:7)

Sunday – Psalm 46 LSB 656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1. What turmoil in life is like the earth giving way and the waters roaring?v.2-3
- 2. Why should we not fear during such times? v. 1, 7, 11 (Romans 8:31)
- 3. How does God dwell in the midst of His city as a refuge for sinners? v. 4-5
- 4. How does God bring peace to earth and still its turmoil? v. 6, 8-10

Monday – Exodus 23 LSB 684 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary

- 1. What did God command for the seventh day and seventh year? v. 10-12
- 2. What were God's people to bring into the house of the LORD? v. 19
- 3. Whom would God send to bring His people into the Promised Land? v. 20-22
- 4. Why were the Israelites to drive out all the peoples of Canaan? v. 23-33

Tuesday – Exodus 24 LSB 618 – I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1. To confirm God's covenant, what again did the people promise? v. 3, 7
- 2. After sealing God's covenant with blood, what could the elders do? v. 8-11
- 3. When we failed to keep the Law, what new covenant did God make?
- 4. When do we eat and drink in the presence of a holy God?

Wednesday – Exodus 25 LSB 622 – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- 1. Where did these former slaves get the treasures for the Tabernacle? v. 1-9
- 2. What is the purpose of the sanctuary and what was it patterned after? v.8-9
- 3. Who is the mercy seat sacrifice who allows us to come into God's presence?
- 4. What does the bread of the Presence on the Table foreshadow? v. 30

Thursday – Exodus 31 LSB 906 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

- 1. Besides ability, what else did the LORD bless Bezalel with? v. 2-3
- 2. How did the LORD sanctify His people? v. 13
- 3. How was keeping the Sabbath a sign of God's creation? 16-17
- 4. How did God record the Commandments for Moses? v. 18

Friday – Exodus 32 LSB 908 – Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

- 1. As God gave Moses worship instructions, what were the people doing?v.1-6
- 2. When God vowed to destroy the sinful people, what did Moses do? v. 7-14
- 3. How did Moses show his anger and punish the people for their idolatry? v.19f
- 4. Why were the Levites ordained for the service of the LORD? v. 25-29

Saturday – Isaiah 44 LSB 564 – Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

- 1. How does the LORD show his superiority over false gods? v. 6-8
- 2. How does the LORD poke fun at him who crafts and worships idols? v. 14-19
- 3. What has the LORD done that heaven and earth sing His praise? v. 22-23
- 4. What does God prophesy He would do 200 years before it happened? v. 28

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 7th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 13

Sunday - Psalm 46

- 1. Turmoil caused by calamity, cancer, death of a loved one, satanic assaults.
- 2. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble, our fortress.
- 3. In the flesh of Jesus in our worship on earth and in heaven. (Rev. 22:1-5)
- 4. The LORD's judgement on the nations ultimately brings peace to His people.

Monday - Exodus 23

- 1. Rest for the land, people, poor, servant, and beast. (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 2. Not their leftovers, but the best of the first fruits which God had given them.
- 3. The angel of the LORD who bears the name of the LORD. (The Son of God)
- 4. So they would not be tempted to sin and worship false gods.

Tuesday – Exodus 24

- 1. "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."
- 2. They could approach and see God and eat and drink in His presence.
- 3. God promised to forgive our sins through the blood of Jesus. (Mt. 26:26-28)
- 4. At the Lord's Table when we eat and drink the flesh and blood of Jesus.

Wednesday – Exodus 25

- 1. When they left their bondage, they plundered the Egyptians (backpay).
- 2. A place where God would dwell in His grace in the midst of His people on earth like He does in heaven. (Hebrews 8:1-7)
- 3. Christ is the propitiation (mercy seat sacrifice) for our sins. (Rom. 3:23-25)
- 4. Jesus Christ is present in the bread of the Lords' Table for us to eat.

Thursday – Exodus 31

- 1. The Holy Spirit enabled Bezalel to complete the details of the Tabernacle.
- 2. The LORD makes His people holy through His gifts in worship on the Sabbath.
- 3. It reminded them that God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th.
- 4. God wrote the Commandments on two tablets of stone with His own finger.

Friday - Exodus 32

- 1. They made up their own worship with a golden calf like the Egyptians.
- 2. Moses interceded & reminded God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- 3. He broke the tablets of the covenant & ground the golden calf in their water
- 4. They rallied to the LORD's side and followed Moses' word.

- 1. Only the LORD can declare what is to come and make it happen.
- 2. From the same piece of wood he cooks his supper & carves an idol to worship
- 3. The LORD has blotted out our sins and redeemed us by the blood of Jesus.
- 4. Isaiah lived before the exile of Judah, but the LORD prophesied that King Cyrus of Persia would decree their return to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem.

Sunday – Psalm 50 LSB 772 – In Holy Conversation

- 1. Who is the author of this Psalm and eleven others? (1 Chron 15:16-17)
- 2. What does the Mighty God and Lord come to do? v. 1-6
- 3. What kind of sacrifice does God prefer? v. 14, 23
- 4. What does God promise to those who call upon Him in time of trouble? v.15

Monday – Exodus 33 LSB 413 – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

- 1. What was one of the rules God had about seeing His face? v. 20
- 2. Yet, how was it possible for Moses to speak to the LORD face to face? v.9-11
- 3. What was the only way the Triune God allowed Moses to see His glory? v.21f
- 4. When did Moses see the glory of the LORD in the N.T.? (Luke 9:28-36)

Tuesday – Exodus 34 LSB 704 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

- 1. After he broke the first tablets, what did the LORD have Moses do? v. 1, 28
- 2. How does the LORD speak of both His justice & grace, Law & Gospel? v. 6-7
- 3. As prophet & intercessor for Israel, what does Moses pray to the LORD? v. 9
- 4. After Moses spoke with the LORD, what physical effect remained? v. 29-34

Wednesday – Exodus 35 LSB 785 – We Praise You, O God

- 1. What did the LORD command about contributions for the Tabernacle? v.4-5
- 2. How did the people respond to the LORD's command? v. 21-22, 29
- 3. What motivated the people to give so freely to the LORD?
- 4. Whom did God call and bless to make articles for the Tabernacle? v. 30-35

Thursday – Exodus 36 LSB 672 – Jerusalem the Golden

- 1. After the people brought so many offerings, what did Moses finally do?v5-7
- 2. What precious materials were used in constructing the Tabernacle?
- 3. With what materials do we adorn our sacred house of worship?
- 4. What is the Tabernacle and our sanctuary a type of?

Friday – Exodus 40 LSB 396 – Arise and Shine in Splendor

- 1. What were some of the sacred articles placed in the Tabernacle? v. 3-5
- 2. What were some of the sacred articles in the Tabernacle courtyard? v. 6-7
- 3. How did God show He called Aaron & his sons to the office of priest?v.12-15
- 4. What filled the Tabernacle day and night? v. 34-38

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 45</u> <u>LSB 816 – From All That Dwell Below the Skies</u>

- 1. Who is the LORD's anointed one, Cyrus? v. 1
- 2. What does the LORD call Cyrus by name to do? v. 4, 13 (Ezra 1:1-4)
- 3. How does God hide Himself and His salvation in the Savior? v. 15
- 4. Besides saving Israel, who else does the LORD plead to be saved? v. 22-23

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 8th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 14

Sunday – Psalm 50

- 1. Asaph was one of the Levites David appointed to provide music for worship.
- 2. God comes in fire and tempest to judge His people in righteousness.
- 3. God desires our sacrifice of thanksgiving for bestowing His salvation in Christ.
- 4. God promises to deliver us, and we will glorify Him for it.

Monday – Exodus 33

- 1. No one could stand in the presence of a holy God, see His face, and live.
- 2. The pillar of cloud was a theophany of God, namely the Son of God.
- 3. God put Moses in a cleft of a rock so he could see His back as He passed by.
- 4. Moses saw the glory of God in Jesus Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Tuesday – Exodus 34

- 1. Moses cut two more stone tablets and rewrote God's Ten Commandments.
- 2. The LORD will not clear the guilty, but He is also a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and forgiving iniquity and sin.
- 3. To be among them, pardon their sin, and take them as His inheritance.
- 4. The skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

Wednesday – Exodus 35

- 1. Whoever had a generous heart was to bring a freewill offering to the LORD.
- 2. Everyone whose spirit moved him & had a willing heart brought an offering.
- 3. The LORD had delivered them from bondage in Egypt, had given them plunder from the Egyptians, and was brining them to the Promised Land.
- 4. God filled Bezalel and Oholiab with His Spirit, skill, and craftsmanship.

Thursday - Exodus 36

- 1. Moses restrained the people from giving for there was more than enough.
- 2. Acacia wood, fine linen, colored yarn, bronze, silver, and gold.
- 3. Marble, brass, stained glass, silver plate, fine linen paraments and banners.
- 4. The heavenly city Jerusalem where we will dwell forever. (Rev. 21:9-21)

Friday – Exodus 40

- 1. The ark of the covenant, table of show bread, altar of incense, lampstand.
- 2. The altar of burnt offering for sacrifices and bronze basin for washing.
- 3. They were anointed with oil and given holy garments to wear.
- 4. The glory of the LORD in a pillar of cloud and fire.

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 45</u>

- 1. Cyrus is the King of Persia who conquered Babylon during the Israelite exile.
- 2. Cyrus makes the decree which frees the Israelites and rebuilds Jerusalem.
- 3. God hides His Divinity in Jesus' flesh and His flesh & blood in bread & wine.
- 4. All the ends of the earth, the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

Sunday – Psalm 51 LSB 956 – Create in Me

- 1. After David commits adultery with Bathsheba, what does he confess? v. 1-4
- 2. Besides his actual sins, what else is David guilty of? v. 5
- 3. Besides blotting out his sin, what else does David desire God to do? v.10-12
- 4. What is David able to do after repentance and turning back to God? v. 13

Monday – Leviticus 8 LSB 682–God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

- 1. Who was present for the ordination of Aaron and his sons as priests? v. 3-4
- 2. What identified the one who would hold the office of high priest? v. 5-12
- 3. What was the purpose of the sacrifice and sprinkling Aaron with blood? v.34
- 4. Who was anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our high priest? (Hebrews 3:1)

Tuesday – Leviticus 9 LSB 431 – Not All the Blood of Beasts

- 1. What was the purpose of Aaron making the sin offering & burnt offering? v.7
- 2. How were these sacrifices like a New Testament Sacrament?
- 3. What was the purpose of the peace offering? v. 18 (Leviticus 19:5-6)
- 4. How was the peace offering like the Lord's Supper?

Wednesday – <u>Leviticus 10</u> <u>LSB 507 – Holy, Holy, Holy</u>

- 1. Why did the LORD consume the sons of Aaron, Nadab & Abihu with fire? v.1
- 2. When were the priests not to indulge in wine or strong drink? v. 9
- 3. Why were they to distinguish between holy & common, clean & unclean?
- 4. How might you honor God's presence and holiness in Divine worship?

Thursday – <u>Leviticus 16</u> <u>LSB 550 Lamb of God</u>

- 1. When was the only time that Aaron could enter the most holy place? v. 2-5
- 2. What did Aaron do with blood of the first sacrificial goat? v. 15-17
- 3. What did Aaron do with the second goat, the scapegoat? v. 21-22
- 4. After His baptism, how was Jesus like the scapegoat? (Mark 1:9-13)

Friday – Leviticus 18 LSB 701 – Draw Us to Thee

- 1. What did the LORD command concerning the life of the Israelites? v. 1-5
- 2. What evil practice of the Canaanites did God prohibit? v. 21
- 3. Besides incest and adultery, what else was an abomination to God? v. 22-23
- 4. What would happen if the Israelites did sexual abominations? v. 24-30

Saturday – Isaiah 49 LSB 471 – O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1. Whom does the LORD call and name from the womb to deliver Israel? v. 1,5
- 2. What was too light a thing for the LORD's servant to do? v. 6
- 3. When we feel forsaken by God, what should we remember? v. 14-16
- 4. Though Christ was forsaken by God, how does He remember us?

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 9th Commandment and its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 15

Sunday - Psalm 51

- 1. David confesses his actual sin against God and his need for God's mercy.
- 2. David confesses his original sin from conception, that is his sinful nature.
- 3. Create a clean heart & right spirit in him & take not the Holy Spirit from him.
- 4. Then David can teach other transgressors to return to God and learn His ways

Monday - Leviticus 8

- 1. The LORD told Moses to assemble all the congregation at the Tabernacle.
- 2. The high priest wore holy vestments and was anointed with oil.
- 3. To make atonement or satisfaction to God for his sins.
- 4. Christ (the Anointed One) intercedes for us & atones for our sin on the cross.

Tuesday – <u>Leviticus 9</u>

- 1. To make atonement or satisfaction to God for his sins & the sins of the people
- 2. God joins His Word of promise to a visible element for the forgiveness of sins
- 3. The flesh from the sacrifice was to be eaten by the priests and Israelite families as a meal for holy communion with God.
- 4. In the bread we eat Christ's flesh sacrificed on the cross & commune w/ God.

Wednesday – Leviticus 10

- 1. Because they offered unauthorized fire in a censor. God does not tolerate man's arbitrary worship procedures but provides ordinances for worship.
- 2. Before or during the time they carried out their liturgical duties for worship.
- 3. All rituals were to protect God's people from desecrating His holiness.
- 4. By your attire, cleanliness, speech, behavior, attention, and reverence.

Thursday – <u>Leviticus 16</u>

- 1. The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), washed & wearing the holy garments.
- 2. He sprinkled it over the mercy seat to make atonement for sins.
- 3. He confessed over it the sins of the people & sent it to the wilderness to die.
- 4. As the sinner bearer of the world, the H.S. drove Him into the wilderness.

Friday – <u>Leviticus 18</u>

- 1. Not to walk in the ways of the Egyptians & Canaanites but the way of LORD.
- 2. The killing and sacrifice of their children to the god, Molech.
- 3. Homosexual acts and bestiality. (Romans 1:26-27)
- 4. The LORD would punish their iniquity & they would be vomited from the land

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 49</u>

- 1. While in Mary's womb, the angel named Jesus which means "the Lord saves"
- 2. To redeem only Israel. Christ would also bring salvation to the Gentiles.
- 3. Like a mother her child, God will not forget us. He engraves us on His hands.
- 4. Christ bears the scars of the cross on His hands as a mark of His love for us.

Sunday – Psalm 62 LSB 734 – I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

- 1. For whom alone do we wait for our salvation? v. 1, 5
- 2. To what does the Psalmist compare the God of salvation? v. 2, 6
- 3. Upon what are we not to place our trust? v. 10
- 4. Upon whom are we to place our trust? v. 7-8

Monday – Leviticus 19 LSB 434 – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

- 1. What does the LORD require us to be and why? v. 2 (Matthew 5:48)
- 2. Since we break all the Commandments, what is the source of our holiness?
- 3. What was one way which God declared a sinner forgiven in the O.T.? v. 22
- 4. What was a Gospel motivation for the Israelites to keep God's laws? v.36-37

Tuesday – <u>Leviticus 20</u> <u>LSB 504 – Father Most Holy</u>

- 1. What was the punishment for killing a child by sacrifice to a false god? v.2-5
- 2. Besides incest and bestiality, what else was an abomination to God? v. 13
- 3. Why was God driving the inhabitants of Canaan out of the land? v. 23
- 4. Why were the Israelites to separate clean and unclean food? v. 24-26

Wednesday – Leviticus 21 LSB 636 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness v1-4

- 1. Why was the priest who offers the bread of God to be holy & sanctified? v.8
- 2. Why was the chief priest not to take a defiled woman but a virgin as bride?
- 3. How does Christ ensure that His bride the Church is holy? (Isaiah 61:10)
- 4. What were some qualifications for pastors in the N.T. Church? (1 Tim. 3:2-7)

Thursday – <u>Leviticus 23</u> <u>LSB 489 – Hail Thee, Festival Day</u> v. 1-2

- 1. What did the celebration of the Feast of Passover remind the Israelites?
- 2. What did the celebration of the Feast of Weeks remind the Israelites?
- 3. What did the celebration of the Feast of Booths remind the Israelites?
- 4. What are some feasts we celebrate to remember how the Lord delivered us?

Friday – <u>Leviticus 25</u> <u>LSB 832 – Jesus Shall Reign</u>

- 1. After sowing their fields for 6 years, what were the people to do on the 7th?
- 2. After 7 Sabbath years, every 50 years, what happened in the year of Jubilee?
- 3. Who gives our souls a Sabbath rest from our weariness? (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 4. How did Jesus fulfill the year of Jubilee (year of the Lord's favor) for us?

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 50</u> <u>LSB 724 – If God Himself Be for Me</u> v. 1-5 tune LSB 915

- 1. Besides Isaiah, what future prophet taught God's Word? v. 4 (John 8:28-29)
- 2. When did the suffering Servant give his back to blows & face to spitting? v.6
- 3. What does it mean for the LORD's Servant to set His face like a flint? v. 7
- 4. Who will declare us guilty for all our sins? v. 9 (Romans 8:31-34)

For this week, memorize & meditate on the 10th Commandment & its meaning

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 16

Sunday – Psalm 62

- 1. We wait for God alone to save us through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- 2. God is our rock and fortress; therefore, we will not be shaken.
- 3. We are not to trust in earthly riches or deceitful ways of getting them.
- 4. We are to trust in God at all times for He is our refuge, salvation, and glory.

Monday – Leviticus 19

- 1. We are to be holy (perfect) by keeping His Commandments for God is holy.
- 2. By His perfect keeping of the Law and His suffering and death, Jesus reconciles us to God and presents us as holy before Him. (Colossians 1:21-23)
- 3. The Sacrament of the guilt offering made atonement & granted forgiveness.
- 4. The LORD delivered them from their bondage in Egypt.

Tuesday – <u>Leviticus 20</u>

- 1. The community was to stone the perpetrator lest they be cut off from God.
- 2. Homosexual acts punishable by death.
- 3. Because of their murder of children, occult practices, and sexual immorality.
- 4. They were to be holy (separate) from sinful (unclean) peoples around them.

Wednesday – Leviticus 21

- 1. Because the Lord who is holy sanctifies us. In the N.T. by the Lord's Supper.
- 2. Because Christ, our high priest, takes us to be His holy bride.
- 3. He covers us with the garments of salvation & the robe of His righteousness.
- 4. Above reproach, husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, able to teach, respectable, hospitable, not a lover of money, manage his family well.

Thursday – <u>Leviticus 23</u>

- 1. How God delivered them from bondage in Egypt by the Passover Lamb.
- 2. How God provided a harvest of grain, also called Pentecost.
- 3. How God preserved them in the wilderness for 40 years in tents.
- 4. Christmas (Incarnation), Easter (Resurrection), Pentecost (Harvest of Souls)

Friday – <u>Leviticus 25</u>

- 1. Let the land, people, servants, and animals have a Sabbath year of rest.
- 2. Liberty proclaimed, land returned to families, slaves freed, loans written off
- 3. Jesus takes the burdens of our sins & gives us the yoke of His righteousness.
- 4. Jesus liberates us from captivity to sin, death, and the devil. (Luke 4:17-21)

- 1. Jesus Christ spoke with authority just as the Father taught Him.
- 2. Jesus in His passion when he was flogged and mocked. (Matthew 26:67-68)
- 3. Jesus resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die. (Luke 9:51)
- 4. No one because God justifies us by Christ who died, rose & intercedes for us.

Sunday – Psalm 67 LSB 823 – May God Bestow on Us His Grace

- 1. What words from the Aaronic Benediction in Num. 6:24-26 are similar to v.1?
- 2. In verse 3, why do all the peoples praise God? v. 2
- 3. In verse 5, why do all the peoples praise God? v. 4
- 4. Besides our eternal salvation, how else does God bless us now? v. 6

Mon – Numbers 6:22-27, 10:11-36 LSB 924 Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1. How does God put His name on us and bless us like the Israelites? v. 6:23-27
- 2. How long were the Israelites at Mt. Sinai before they departed? v. 10:11
- 3. Who served as a human guide for the Israelites in the wilderness?v.10:29-32
- 4. Who was the one who was actually leading the Israelites? v. 10:33-36

Tuesday – Numbers 11 LSB 498 - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

- 1. What does Moses pray to the LORD and why? v. 13-15
- 2. How does God answer Moses' prayer & provide him relief? v. 16-17, 24-25
- 3. When the 70 elders prophesied by the Spirit, what does Moses say? v. 29
- 4. When does God put His Spirit on us?

Wednesday - Numbers 12 LSB 583 - God Has Spoken by His Prophets tune 848

- 1. What is the complaint of Moses' brother Aaron and sister Miriam? v. 2
- 2. How did the LORD normally speak to a prophet? v. 6
- 3. How did the LORD speak with Moses? v. 7-8
- 4. What is Miriam's punishment for dishonoring Moses, God's chosen prophet?

Thursday – Numbers 13 LSB 666 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

- 1. Before entering the Promised Land, what did the LORD command Moses?v.2
- 2. What did the spies report to Moses and all the congregation? v. 27-29
- 3. Who believed the LORD's promise, and what did he encourage? v. 30
- 4. Besides Joshua and Caleb, what did the other spies report? v. 31-33

Friday – Numbers 14 LSB 612 – As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered

- 1. When the people grumble, what do Joshua and Caleb say? v. 6-9
- 2. When the LORD sought to strike the people, what did Moses do? v. 13-19
- 3. Though the LORD pardoned the people, what were the consequences? v.20f
- 4. Though they repented, what happened when they tried to take the land?

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 52</u> <u>LSB 454 – Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle</u>

- 1. What does "how beautiful are the feet who bring good news" refer to? v. 7
- 2. When will the ends of the earth see the salvation of our God? v. 10
- 3. When was the servant of the LORD marred beyond recognition? v. 14
- 4. When will the servant of the LORD be lifted up and exalted? v. 13, 15 $\,$

For this week, memorize & meditate on The Close of the Commandments

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament - Week 17

Sunday – Psalm 67

- 1. The Lord bless you. The Lord make His face shine on you & be gracious to you
- 2. They praise God for His universal grace and salvation for all nations.
- 3. God judges the people with equity. He judges us to be justified by Jesus Christ
- 4. God provides our daily bread through the fruits of the earth.

Monday – Numbers 6:22-27, 10:11-36

- 1. In our baptism and in the Benediction of the Divine Service
- 2. They were 1 year at Sinai building the Tabernacle, learning God's commands
- 3. Hobab the son of Reuel (Jethro) the Midianite, the Father-in-Law of Moses.
- 4. The Lord led them in the visible pillar of cloud and the ark of the covenant.

Tuesday – Numbers 11

- 1. That God would kill him because of the people's burdensome complaints.
- 2. Moses appoints 70 elders upon whom God puts His Spirit to carry the burden
- 3. He wishes that the LORD would put His Spirit on all His people.
- 4. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit creates in us a new heart and gives us faith.

Wednesday - Numbers 12

- 1. They thought that they, too, should have the office of prophet.
- 2. God spoke to the prophet in a vision or dream.
- 3. God spoke to Moses clearly, mouth to mouth and face to face.
- 4. She becomes leprous and must remain outside the camp for 7 days.

Thursday – Numbers 13

- 1. To first send 12 men to spy out the land which He was giving the Israelites.
- 2. The land was good, but the people were large and dwelled in fortified cities.
- 3. Caleb of Judah believed the LORD & encouraged the people to take the land.
- 4. That they were not able to take the land from the large, strong inhabitants.

Friday - Numbers 14

- 1. Do not fear & rebel against the LORD for the LORD is with us & gives the land.
- 2. Moses interceded for the people and prayed to the LORD to remember His promise to show His love by forgiving their sin and pardoning their iniquity.
- 3. Except for Joshua & Caleb, because of unbelief no one over 20 would enter the promised land but die in the wilderness. The other 10 spies died by plague.
- 4. The LORD was not with them so they were defeated.

- 1. The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which gives faith. Rom. 10:14-17
- 2. Beginning in Christ's ministry (Luke 3:3-6) and in His death and resurrection.
- 3. When Jesus was so badly beaten in His passion that His face was disfigured.
- 4. When Jesus rose and ascended in glory, and when He returns to judge all.

Sunday – Psalm 90 LSB 733 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1. What attribute of God does Moses confess in this only psalm by him? v. 2
- 2. Though God is eternal, how brief is the life of man on the earth? v. 8-10
- 3. Though we suffer in this life, for what does Moses pray? v. 12-16
- 4. For what final blessing does Moses pray? v. 17

Mon – Numbers 16 LSB 834 – O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

- 1. What did Korah the Levite, Dathan & Abiram the Reubenites desire? v. 1-15
- 2. What was God's punishment for their rebellion against His chosen? v. 31-35
- 3. What did the censors made into plates for the altar remind the people? v. 40
- 4. How did Aaron intercede for the grumbling people? v. 47-48

Tuesday – Numbers 17 LSB 683 – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1. What was God's plan to end the people's grumbling against Moses? v. 1-5
- 2. What was the miraculous sign? v. 5
- 3. How did God show a sense of humor for Aaron's staff (the tribe of Levi)? v.8
- 4. How do the people respond to God's obvious sign? v. 12-13

Wednesday – Numbers 20 LSB 421 – Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

- 1. What does God tell Moses to do when the people complain of no water? v.8
- 2. How does Moses disobey the LORD's command? v. 10-11
- 3. What is Moses' punishment for not believing and not upholding God as holy?
- 4. Who was struck for us so that we might enter the Promised Land of heaven?

Thursday – Numbers 21 LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

- 1. When the people spoke against God and Moses, what did God do? v. 6
- 2. After the people repent, what do they request of Moses? v. 7
- 3. Instead of taking away the serpents, what does God instruct instead? v. 8-9
- 4. How is the raising of the bronze serpent a type of Christ? (John 3:14-15)

Friday – Numbers 22 LSB 877 – God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

- 1. Fearful of the Israelites, what does the king of Moab call Balaam to do? v. 6
- 2. What does God command Balaam to do? v. 12, 20
- 3. What did God do when Balaam thought to defy His Word?v.28-30 2 Pet. 2:15
- 4. When Balaam repents, what does the angel of the Lord command? v. 35, 38

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 53</u> <u>LSB 451 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted</u>

- 1. What afflictions does God's Servant the Christ suffer? v. 3, 5, 12
- 2. For what purpose does the Christ suffer these things? v. 5-6, 8, 11
- 3. By whose will and doing does the Christ suffer? v. 4, 6, 10
- 4. Why was Christ's sacrificial death for us acceptable to God? v. 9, 11

Again this week, memorize & meditate on The Close of the Commandments

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 18

Sunday - Psalm 90

- 1. God is eternal, without beginning and without end.
- 2. Because of our sin, only 70 or 80 years of toil & trouble until our spirit departs
- 3. For God to give us wisdom, mercy, & gladness as we see His work and power
- 4. That the favor of God be upon us as we work in His kingdom and for His glory.

Monday - Numbers 16

- 1. They despised Moses and Aaron and desired the leadership and priesthood.
- 2. The ground swallowed their families and fire consumed their accomplices.
- 3. That no one besides Aaron and his descendants should serve as priests.
- 4. With his censor of incense he atoned for the people and the plague stopped.

Tuesday – Numbers 17

- 1. God would give a sign that would show His chosen tribe to lead the people.
- 2. Of the 12 tribes, the staff of the chosen tribe would sprout overnight.
- 3. Aaron's staff not only sprouted but budded, blossomed & produced almonds
- 4. They feared God and repented.

Wednesday - Numbers 20

- 1. Take the staff & TELL the rock to yield its water & water would flow from it.
- 2. He says, "Shall WE bring water for you," and he STRIKES the rock twice.
- 3. Moses and Aaron will not bring the people into the Promised Land.
- 4. After Jesus died on the cross, the soldier pieced His side bringing forth a flow of blood and water. (Symbolic of the Lord's Supper and Baptism) John 19:34

Thursday – Numbers 21

- 1. The LORD sent poisonous serpents among them so that many died.
- 2. To pray to the LORD to take away the serpents.
- 3. Raise a bronze serpent on a pole. All who believed & looked at it were saved.
- 4. God doesn't remove sin and the devil, but He does provide a cure. All who believe and look to Christ raised on the cross are saved from death.

Friday – Numbers 22

- 1. Curse the Israelites so that he may defeat them and drive them from the land
- 2. Not to curse the Israelites, but if he goes to do only what God tells him.
- 3. God mocked Balaam when by His Word He made a donkey speak to him.
- 4. Balaam is to speak only the words that God puts in his mouth.

- 1. Despised and rejected by men, sorrows, grief, wounds, chastisement, death.
- 2. For our transgression & iniquities, so that God may account us righteous.
- 3. It is the will of the LORD to crush, smite, afflict, and kill Him for us.
- 4. Christ had done no violence, spoken no deceit, and was perfectly righteous.

Sunday – Psalm 91 LSB 883 – All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

- 1. What metaphors describe our God in whom we trust? v. 1-2
- 2. From what deadly pestilence and plague does God deliver us? v. 3, 6, 10
- 3. What will the LORD command His angels concerning you? v. 11-12
- 4. Who misinterpreted this promise, and who refuted him? (Matthew 4:5-7)

Mon – Numbers 24 LSB 400 – Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

- 1. Instead of cursing Israel for the king of Moab, what does Balaam do? v. 1-9
- 2. When will Israel's kingdom be higher than Agag? v. 7 (1 Sam. 15:7-8, 32-33)
- 3. When Balak, king of Moab becomes upset, what does Balaam say? v. 10-14
- 4. When will a star come out of Jacob and a scepter rise out of Israel? v. 17

Tuesday – Numbers 25 LSB 427 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1. While Balaam didn't curse Israel, what did they bring on themselves? v. 1-3
- 2. What was God's judgment against those who committed idolatry? v. 4-5
- 3. What happened when an Israelite brought a Midianite woman into his tent?
- 4. How is atonement to God made for our idolatry?

Wednesday – Numbers 27 LSB 711 – Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1. How does God answer the plea of the daughters of Zelophehad? v. 5-7
- 2. Though Moses didn't enter the land, what kindness does God show? v.12-13
- 3. With death near, what does Moses request of God for the people? v. 16-17
- 4. Why and how does God commission Joshua to serve after Moses? v. 18-23

Thursday – Numbers 32 LSB 842 – Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1. What do the tribes of Reuben and Gad propose to Moses & the people? v. 5
- 2. Why does Moses see their request as selfish and rebuke them? v. 6-15
- 3. What do the tribes of Reuben and Gad then propose? v. 16-19
- 4. What would happen if the 2 tribes kept or broke their promise? v. 20-23

Friday – Numbers 35 LSB 423 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1. Instead of receiving a land allotment, what do the Levites inherit? v. 1-8
- 2. How is the prophecy of Levi being scattered in Israel a blessing? Gen. 49:5-7
- 3. What was the purpose of the six cities of refuge? v. 11-15, 25
- 4. How are the cities of refuge a type of Christ? (Hebrews 6:17-20)

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 55</u> <u>LSB 827 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling</u>

- 1. How does God provide food and drink without price? v. 1-2 (Luke 14:16-24)
- 2. What will God do for the wicked who repent and turn to the Lord? v. 6-7
- 3. What if we cannot understand how God would forgive us in Christ? v. 8-9
- 4. How is God's Word like rain which waters the earth & gives growth? v.10-11

This week, memorize & meditate on The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 19

Sunday - Psalm 91

- 1. The Almighty God is our shelter, refuge, & fortress in who's shadow we abide
- 2. This year from a COVID-19 epidemic but ultimately from the plague of death.
- 3. To guard you and bear you up lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- 4. The devil tempted Jesus to jump off the Temple, but Jesus wouldn't test God.

Monday - Numbers 24

- 1. By the Spirit of God, Balaam hears the words of God and blesses Israel.
- 2. In 400 years when King Saul of Israel defeats King Agag of the Amalekites.
- 3. No matter the compensation, Balaam can only speak what the LORD speaks.
- 4. In 1400 years when the star of Bethlehem leads the wise men to King Jesus.

Tuesday – Numbers 25

- 1. By adultery with Moabite women & idolatry of Baal, they brough God's anger
- 2. The idolaters were killed and hung in the sun as a warning to the people.
- 3. To make atonement to God, Phinehas pierced the defiant pair with a spear.
- 4. Jesus was hung on a cross and a spear pierced his side in death.

Wednesday - Numbers 27

- 1. God is merciful & grants them and others a possession in the Promised Land.
- 2. Before Moses dies, God lets him see the Promised Land from a mountain top
- 3. That God appoint a man to serve and lead them as their shepherd after him.
- 4. Joshua is full of God's Spirit and has served as Moses aid for 40 years. The high priest lays hands on him and invests him with authority over the people.

Thursday – Numbers 32

- 1. That they inherit the land east of the Jordan River and not cross over it.
- 2. They neglect their duty to the other tribes & show unbelief like their fathers.
- 3. They will send their armed men across to fight until all Israel inherits the land
- 4. They would inherit the land east of the Jordan or suffer for their sin.

Friday – Numbers 35

- 1. 48 cities in which to dwell with surrounding acreage for pastureland.
- 2. The Levites are dispersed among the tribes to preach and teach God's Word.
- 3. Those who killed by accident could flee for refuge there and await a just trial.
- 4. We flee to Christ who protects us from death and the accusations of the devil. By the death of our high priest, Christ atones for our sin so we may live.

- 1. By Christ's payment on the cross, the Gospel calls all to come to His banquet.
- 2. Because of Christ, God will have compassion and pardon their sin.
- 3. We remember that God's thoughts & ways are beyond our comprehension.
- 4. God's Word is not wasted but accomplishes His purposes for our salvation.

Sunday – Psalm 96 LSB 819 – Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

- 1. On what occasion was this Psalm used for worship? (1 Chron. 16:1, 7, 23-34)
- 2. For what does the Psalmist sing and praise the LORD? v. 1-6
- 3. What are all nations called to do? v. 7-10
- 4. What else is called to worship the LORD and why? v. 11-13

Mon – Deuteronomy 1 LSB 508 – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

- 1. Why did Moses have to give the Law (nomos) a second (deutero) time?v.1-3
- 2. When Moses was unable to govern the people alone, what did he command?
- 3. Why were the people first unable to enter the Promised Land? v. 30-33
- 4. What was God's judgment for their unbelief and rebellion? v. 34-40

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 2</u> <u>LSB 718 – Jesus, Lead Thou On</u>

- 1. What had the LORD done for the Israelites in the wilderness? v. 7
- 2. What had happened after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness? v. 14-18
- 3. Why were the Israelites not to take the land of Edom, Moab, or Ammon?
- 4. How did God begin to put the dread of fear into the pagan nations? v. 25f

Wednesday – <u>Deuteronomy 3</u> <u>LSB 662 – Onward, Christian Soldiers</u>

- 1. Why did the LORD have the Israelites kill all the people of the Amorite kings?
- 2. Who inherited the Amorite lands east of the Jordan River? v. 12-13
- 3. What did Moses command of these tribes before their rest? v. 18-20
- 4. Though Moses didn't enter the Promised Land, what did God command?

Thursday – <u>Deuteronomy 4</u> <u>LSB 582 – God's Word Is Our Great Heritage</u>

- 1. What would other nations say when they heard the Word of God? v. 5-8
- 2. How were the Israelites to keep the Word from leaving their hearts? v. 9-10
- 3. What would happen if they fashioned and worshipped other gods? v. 25-28
- 4. What would happen if the people repented & returned to the LORD?v.29-31

Friday – <u>Deuteronomy 5</u> <u>LSB 581 – These Are the Holy Ten Commands vs. 7-12</u>

- 1. What kind of carved image were the Israelites not to make? v. 8-9
- 2. Besides hearing the Word, what else was beneficial on the Sabbath? v.12-15
- 3. What special promise does God give for honoring parents? v. 16
- 4. Instead of God speaking directly to them, what did the Israelites prefer? v.23f

Saturday – Isaiah 61 LSB 394 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1. What does the Holy Spirit anoint the Messiah to do? v. 1-3
- 2. When was this prophecy fulfilled? (Luke 3:21-22, 4:16-22)
- 3. When are we clothed in garments of salvation & robe of righteousness? v.10
- 4. Whom does Christ the bridegroom adorn as His bride? v. 10 (Rev. 21:1-4)

This week, memorize & meditate on The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 20

Sunday - Psalm 96

- 1. When David rejoiced that the ark of the covenant was brought to Jerusalem.
- 2. The LORD's salvation every day, His marvelous works, and His creation.
- 3. Worship the LORD for His glory, strength, & justice and bring an offering.
- 4. The heavens and earth, the sea and fields, for His righteous judgment.

Monday - Deuteronomy 1

- 1. After 40 years, the next generation must hear the Law first given at Mt. Sinai.
- 2. The people chose wise leaders whom he appointed over 1000's, 100's, 10's
- 3. They did not believe the LORD would fight for them and give it to them.
- 4. They wandered in the wilderness 40 years until the unbelieving adults died.

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 2</u>

- 1. For 40 years the LORD led them and blessed them so they lacked nothing.
- 2. All the unbelieving adult generation had perished by the hand of the LORD.
- 3. Because God had given these lands to the descendants of Esau and Lot.
- 4. The LORD gave King Sihon, his people, and his lands over to them in battle.

Wednesday - <u>Deuteronomy 3</u>

- 1. As judgment for their great iniquities for over 400 years. (Genesis 15:13-16)
- 2. The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh.
- 3. Their men were to fight alongside the other tribes until they received rest.
- 4. Moses could view the land from Mt. Pisgah, and Joshua would take his place.

Thursday – <u>Deuteronomy 4</u>

- 1. Surely this is a wise people whose God is near them with righteous statutes.
- 2. By hearing the Word of God and teaching it to their children.
- 3. They would perish from the Promised Land & be scattered among nations.
- 4. The LORD would be merciful and not leave them or forget His promises.

Friday – Deuteronomy 5

- 1. One that they would bow down to and worship as another god.
- 2. Instead of being a slave to work, the people could have rest for their bodies.
- 3. Longer and better life on earth.
- 4. That God would speak to the prophet Moses, & he would speak God's Word.

- 1. To bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and the year of the LORD's favor, and comfort all who mourn.
- 2. When Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism and when He taught in the synagogue at Nazareth at the beginning of His ministry.
- 3. At our baptism, we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. (Gal. 3:27)
- 4. His holy Church, the saints in heaven.

Sunday – Psalm 98 LSB 387 – Joy to the World

- 1. What does the right hand of the LORD signify? v. 1
- 2. What does God do with His right hand and how does he reveal it? v. 1-3
- 3. What makes a joyful noise to the LORD and why? v. 4-10
- 4. Who sits at the right hand of God (position of power) and what will He do?

Mon – Deuteronomy 6 LSB 865 – Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

- 1. What temporal blessings are promised for keeping God's statutes? v. 1-3
- 2. How many Gods are there, and what is the greatest Commandment? v. 4-5
- 3. Who has the responsibility for teaching children the faith & where? v.7-9,20f
- 4. How was entering the Promised Land like us entering heaven? v. 10-11

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 7</u> <u>LSB 646 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious</u>

- 1. After centuries of impenitence, what is God's command of Canaanites?v.1-2
- 2. From what danger was God protecting the Israelites? v. 3-5
- 3. Why did the LORD chose (elect) the Israelites to be His holy people? v. 6-8
- 4. How, when, and why did God choose us to be His holy people? (Eph. 1:3-6)

Wednesday – <u>Deuteronomy 8</u> <u>LSB 894 – For the Fruits of His Creation</u>

- 1. How did the LORD test the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years? v. 2-3
- 2. What is more important to the Christian than daily bread? v. 3 (Matt. 4:1-4)
- 3. After their testing, where was God leading His people to receive? v. 7-10
- 4. After living in this plentiful land, what were the Israelites not to forget? v.11f

Thursday – <u>Deuteronomy 9</u> <u>LSB 773 – Hear Us, Father, When We Pray</u>

- 1. Who would go before the Israelites to overcome the land's inhabitants? v. 3
- 2. Why was the LORD replacing the Canaanites with the Israelites? v. 4-5
- 3. When did the Israelites deserve destruction for their wickedness? v. 13-24
- 4. As Moses interceded for the Israelites (v. 25-29), who intercedes for us?

Friday – <u>Deuteronomy 10</u> <u>LSB 594 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</u>

- 1. What did God write on 2 tablets of stone and where were they put? v. 1-5
- 2. What tribe was to minister before the LORD & what is their inheritance? v.8f
- 3. What were all the people to circumcise besides baby boys? v. 12-16
- 4. How do we put off sinful flesh & circumcise our hearts today? (Col. 2:11-12)

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 64</u> <u>LSB 355 – O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide</u>

- 1. What does Isaiah plead for the LORD to do and why? v. 1-4
- 2. Who else needs to tremble at the LORD's righteous anger and why? v. 5-7
- 3. What does Isaiah acknowledge about us and God? v. 8
- 4. What does Isaiah plead of God the Father and why? v. 9 $\,$

This week, memorize & meditate on The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 21

Sunday - Psalm 98

- 1. The right hand was the favored one symbolizing strength, power, & authority
- 2. God works salvation for the nations through His Son Jesus Christ.
- 3. All the earth rejoices because the LORD comes to judge the world.
- 4. "From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead."

Monday – Deuteronomy 1

- 1. Longer and more enjoyable life on earth.
- 2. The LORD is one God whom we are to love with all our heart, soul, and might.
- 3. Parents, as they sit in their house, early morning and bedtime.
- 4. We will live in mansions we didn't build & eat from tables we didn't prepare.

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 7</u>

- 1. The Israelites were to completely destroy them and show no mercy.
- 2. From intermarrying with a pagan people, idolatry, and God's judgment.
- 3. Not because of their great numbers but because of His great love for them.
- 4. God chose us in Christ before the world began because of His love for us.

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 8

- 1. God let them hunger to see if they would trust Him to provided daily bread.
- 2. The Word of the Lord which gives man life and breath and everything else.
- 3. A land of plenty of food, water, and minerals where they would have no lack.
- 4. The LORD, His statutes, and how He delivered them from want to bounty.

Thursday - <u>Deuteronomy 9</u>

- 1. The LORD would destroy and subdue the pagan nations so they could enter.
- 2. Not for their righteousness' sake but because of the Canaanites' wickedness.
- 3. Whey they worshipped the golden calf at Sinai and continued to rebel.
- 4. After dying in our place, our risen Lord Jesus Christ has ascended to the right hand of God the Father where He prays and intercedes for us. Romans 8:31-34

Friday - Deuteronomy 10

- 1. He wrote the Ten Commandments which were put in the ark of the covenant.
- 2. The Levites were to serve in the Tabernacle and carry the ark. The LORD.
- 3. Their hearts by removing their stubbornness and fearing and loving God.
- 4. By baptism, God drowns and kills the old man and raises the new man.

- 1. Rend the heavens and come down to make the nations tremble.
- 2. We do because of our sin. Our righteous acts are like a filthy garment.
- 3. God is our Father. We are the work of His hands like the clay and the potter.
- 4. Not to be angry or remember our iniquity forever for we are His people.

Sunday – Psalm 103 LSB 790 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1. For what do we praise the LORD and what benefits do we not forget? v. 2-5
- 2. Instead of condemning our sins, what does God do with our sins? v. 10-12
- 3. Though we are dust, what does God do for those who fear Him? v. 13-18
- 4. Though we still sin, why does God remove and forgive our sin?

Mon – Deuteronomy 11 LSB 584 – Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

- 1. What were the people to do based upon the LORD's work in the past? v. 1-7
- 2. How was the Promised Land different from the dry land of Egypt? v. 8-12
- 3. How were the people to remember the LORD's Word and laws? v. 18-20
- 4. What were they to do when God fulfilled His promise to enter the land? v.29

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 12</u> <u>LSB 627 – Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior</u> v1-4

- 1. What were the people to do to the worship sites of the Canaanites? v. 2-4
- 2. Where were the Israelites to worship in the Promised Land? v. 5-14
- 3. What part of their meal or sacrifice were the people not to eat? v. 16, 23-25
- 4. What part of God's sacrifice are we now to drink? (John 6:53-55)

Wednesday – <u>Deuteronomy 13</u> <u>LSB 846 – Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old</u>

- 1. What was to be done to prophets who did wonders but taught falsely?v.1-5
- 2. What was to be done to relatives who said "Let's go after other gods? v.6-11
- 3. What was to be done to cities who turned and served other gods? v. 12-17
- 4. What N.T. prophet did miraculous wonders and taught God's Word purely?

Thursday – Deuteronomy 14 LSB 782 – Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

- 1. What was the purpose of the dietary laws? v. 3-21
- 2. When was this dietary restriction & ceremonial law removed? Mark 7:15-23
- 3. What was the tithe (tenth) of their produce to be used for? v. 22-26
- 4. What else was the tithe to be used for and why? v. 27-29

Friday – Deuteronomy 18 LSB 414 – 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

- 1. Since the Levites received no land, what was their inheritance? v. 1-5
- 2. What were some of the abominable practices forbidden by God.? v. 9-14
- 3. After Moses, what office does God institute to speak His Word? v. 15-22
- 4. In whom does the office of prophet find its fulfillment? (Acts 3:19-23)

Saturday – <u>Isaiah 65</u> <u>LSB 673 – Jerusalem, My Happy Home</u>

- 1. What will the LORD do to a rebellious, idolatrous people? v. 1-7
- 2. What will the LORD do for those who seek and serve the LORD? v. 8-10
- 3. What will not be part of the new heavens and earth? v. 19-20
- 4. What blessings will we receive in heaven? v. 17-18, 21-25

This week, memorize & meditate on The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 22

Sunday - Psalm 103

- 1. The LORD's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy, and goodness.
- 2. Because of His love, God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west.
- 3. God loves us like a father shows compassion on his children.
- 4. Because God is merciful and because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice for sinners.

Monday - Deuteronomy 11

- 1. Consider the LORD's discipline, love Him, and keep His Commandments.
- 2. It was a fertile, watered land, flowing with milk and honey.
- 3. They wore phylacteries, taught their children, and marked their homes.
- 4. Moses read the Law of the LORD, its blessings and curses. (Joshua 8:33-34)

Tuesday - Deuteronomy 12

- 1. Destroy, tear down, dash, & burn them to remove the name of the false god
- 2. Not where they chose, but where God chose to put His name. (The Temple)
- 3. Not the blood because the life is in the blood.
- 4. Take, drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for you.

Wednesday - <u>Deuteronomy 13</u>

- 1. The people were not to listen to him but put him to death & follow the LORD.
- 2. They were not to be heard, spared, concealed, or pitied but stoned to death.
- 3. The whole city was to be put to death by the sword and burned.
- 4. Jesus miraculously healed & fed people and cast out demons as He preached.

Thursday – <u>Deuteronomy 14</u>

- 1. For the Israelites' bodily health to avoid animals which might carry disease and for their spiritual health to avoid table fellowship with pagan Gentiles.
- 2. When Jesus declared all foods clean and mission work began. Acts 10:9-23
- 3. As part of their worship at the Temple to eat as a festival meal.
- 4. For support of Levites, orphans, and widows to receive the LORD's blessing.

Friday - Deuteronomy 18

- 1. The LORD and the offerings which the people tithed and gave in worship.
- 2. Those who sacrificed their children, fortune tellers, sorcerers, and mediums.
- 3. The office of prophet. God would put His Words in his mouth to speak.
- 4. In Jesus Christ of whom God said on the mount we should listen. Mt. 17:4-5

- 1. The LORD will repay their iniquities and destroy them with His judgement.
- 2. The LORD will deliver the remnant and give them possession of His blessings.
- 3. Weeping, distress, and death. (Revelation 21:1-4)
- 4. Joy, gladness, satisfaction in work for habitation and harvest, the presence of the LORD, peace.

Sunday – Psalm 110 LSB 494 – See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph tune 826

- 1. What does David mean when he says, "The LORD says to my Lord"? v. 1
- 2. What does God say to His Son that is fulfilled after Jesus' ascension? v. 1
- 3. In what office does Jesus now serve forever at the right hand of God? v. 4
- 4. From God's right hand of power, what will Jesus do on the Last Day? v. 5-6

Mon – Deuteronomy 26 LSB 893 – Sing to the Lord of Harvest

- 1. What were the people to do after they received their land inheritance?v.1-4
- 2. What were the people to confess as they offered the first fruits? v. 5-11
- 3. Who received the benefits of the tithe of first fruits? v. 12-13
- 4. What does the LORD promise to those who walk in His ways? v. 16-19

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 28</u> <u>LSB 346 – When All the World Was Cursed</u>

- 1. If we faithfully obey the voice of the LORD, what does He promise? v. 1-14
- 2. If we do not obey the voice of the LORD, what else does He promise? v. 15f
- 3. Who redeemed us from the curse of not keeping God's Law? (Galatians 3:13)
- 4. Why are we blessed by God, now and for all eternity? (Ephesians 1:3-7)

Wednesday – <u>Deuteronomy 30</u> <u>LSB 611 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be</u>

- 1. What does God desire of His people who are cursed for not obeying? v. 1-2
- 2. What will the LORD do for those who repent? v. 3-10
- 3. Where is the Word of the LORD and His Commandments? v. 11-14
- 4. What choice does God desire us to make? v. 15-20

Thursday – <u>Deuteronomy 31</u> <u>LSB 338 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</u>

- 1. Though Moses would not cross the Jordan, who would go with them? v. 1-8
- 2. What were the people to do every seven years and why? v. 9-13
- 3. Whom did God commission to take Moses' place of leadership? v. 14-15
- 4. What did God commission Joshua to do for the Israelites? v. 23

Friday – <u>Deuteronomy 34</u> <u>LSB 677 – For All the Saints</u>

- 1. What did the LORD show Moses from the top of Mt. Nebo & Pisgah? v. 1-4
- 2. When Moses died, who buried his body? v. 5-6
- 3. Who raised Moses before the Last Day and for what purpose? (Jude 1:9)
- 4. Why was Moses known as the greatest Old Testament prophet? v. 10-12

Saturday – Jeremiah 1 LSB 573 – Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

- 1. When did Jeremiah speak the Word of the LORD? v. 1-3
- 2. When did the LORD first know Jeremiah & appoint him to be His prophet?v.5
- 3. How did the LORD test whether Jeremiah would speak His Word? v. 11-12
- 4. How did the LORD encourage Jeremiah as he prophesied judgment? v.17-19

This week, memorize & meditate on The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 23

Sunday - Psalm 110

- 1. The LORD (Yahweh) says to my Lord (Jesus Christ). God says to His Son.
- 2. "Sit at my right hand." He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
- 3. Jesus is our priest who hears our prayers and intercedes for us before God.
- 4. Judge the nations. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead

Monday - Deuteronomy 26

- 1. They were to bring the first fruits of the land as an offering in worship.
- 2. That God had delivered from oppression and brought them to this good land.
- 3. The Levites (church workers), sojourners (homeless), orphans, and widows.
- 4. That they will be His treasured possession and set apart as His holy people.

Tuesday – <u>Deuteronomy 28</u>

- 1. The LORD promises to give us temporal blessings in this earthly life.
- 2. The LORD promises to send curses upon our earthly life.
- 3. Jesus was cursed by God for us when He was crucified on the cross.
- 4. God blesses us in Christ by the blood of His redemption for our forgiveness.

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 30

- 1. That they repent, return to the LORD their God, and obey His voice.
- 2. The LORD will gather and restore them and make them prosperous.
- 3. Not far off in heaven or far away on earth but near us in our mouth and heart
- 4. Not death and evil, but life and good by holding fast to Him who is our life.

Thursday - <u>Deuteronomy 31</u>

- 1. The LORD would drive out the nations. He would never leave or forsake them
- 2. Assemble and hear the reading of the Law so their children would fear God.
- 3. Joshua (Hebrew for "the LORD saves", Jesus in Greek)
- 4. Bring them into the Promised Land like Jesus brings us into His kingdom.

Friday – <u>Deuteronomy 34</u>

- 1. The Land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their offspring.
- 2. God buried Moses in the valley in the land of Moab.
- 3. God raised Moses from the dead to appear on the Mount of Transfiguration to give testimony of Jesus and discuss His exodus. (<u>Luke 9:28-31</u>)
- 4. Because the LORD spoke with him face to face and because of all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the sight of His people.

- 1. During the reign of the last 5 kings of Judah before the exile to Babylon 587BC
- 2. Before God formed him in the womb and before he was born.
- 3. The LORD gave Jeremiah a vision of an almond branch, and he confirmed it.
- 4. The LORD would be with Jeremiah and make him to be a fortified city.

Sunday – Psalm 116 LSB 678 – We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

- 1. Why does the psalmist love the LORD? v. 1-8
- 2. Why is the death of His saints precious in the sight of the LORD? v. 15
- 3. When do we sing verses 12-13 and 17-19 of this Psalm?
- 4. Why are these words appropriate for the Offertory & its place in the service?

Mon – Joshua 1 LSB 647 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

- 1. What commands (Law) does the LORD give to Joshua? v. 2-9
- 2. What promises (Gospel) does the LORD give to Joshua? v. 2-9
- 3. What is the chain of command for the Israelites? v. 10-11
- 4. What do the Reubenites, Gadites & half tribe of Manasseh promise? v.12-16

Tuesday – Joshua 2 LSB 732 – All Depends on Us Possessing

- 1. How is Joshua's strategy different from Moses who sent 12 spies? v. 1
- 2. How does Rahab help the spies and why? v. 3-7, 15-16 (Hebrews 11:31)
- 3. What faith does Rahab confess? v. 8-11
- 4. What do the spies promise Rahab? v. 14, 18-19

Wednesday – Joshua 3 LSB 601 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized

- 1. What leads the people through the Jordan & what does it represent? v. 2-6
- 2. How will they know that God is with them to give them the land? v. 10-13
- 3. Who stood in the midst of the Jordan as the people crossed on dry ground?
- 4. How is the crossing of the Jordan a type of Baptism?

Thursday – Joshua 4 LSB 866 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend

- 1. Why did the LORD command 12 stones to be taken from the Jordan? v. 1-7
- 2. What happened when the priests carrying the ark left the Jordan? v. 15-18
- 3. To whom else would the stone memorial give witness of the LORD? v. 20-24
- 4. What symbols and memorials in church remind us of God's salvation?

Friday – <u>Joshua 5</u> <u>LSB 661 – The Son of God Goes Forth to War</u>

- 1. After they first entered the land, what did God command and why? v. 2-7
- 2. What did the Israelites celebrate and what did the LORD provide? v. 10-12
- 3. Before we go out as part of the church militant, how does God prepare us?
- 4. Who is the Commander of the LORD's army whom Joshua worshipped?

Saturday – Jeremiah 7 LSB 513 – The Clouds of Judgment Gather tune 644

- 1. What does the LORD promise if the people repent of their evil ways? v. 5-7
- 2. How will the LORD condemn their sins and hypocritical worship? v. 8-15
- 3. What did the LORD do to warn and turn His people from their sin? v. 25-26
- 4. How will the LORD punish the people for sacrificing their children? v. 31-34

This week, memorize & meditate on The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 24

Sunday - Psalm 116

- 1. The LORD hears his prayer, is gracious and merciful, saves and delivers him.
- 2. At death a saint enters heaven, made holy by God's grace and Jesus' blood.
- 3. These verses are the word of the Offertory for Divine Service I.
- 4. We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving for receiving the benefits of the Service of the Word and now lift up the cup of salvation in the Service of the Sacrament

Monday - Joshua 1

- 1. Cross the Jordan and do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses.
- 2. I will be with you, never forsake you, and will give the people the land.
- 3. From the LORD to Joshua to the officers to the people.
- 4. Though their land is east of the Jordan, their fighting men will cross and fight.

Tuesday - Joshua 2

- 1. Joshua sends only 2 spies secretly who report back to him about Jericho.
- 2. She hides the spies on her roof & helps them escape because of her faith.
- 3. Faith in the LORD of all things who dried up the Red Sea & blesses His people
- 4. If she ties a scarlet cord in her window, she and her household will be spared.

Wednesday - Joshua 3

- 1. The ark of the covenant acts as the LORD's throne and shows His presence.
- 2. When the priests bearing the ark touch the Jordan, it will stop flowing.
- 3. The priests carrying the ark of the covenant and, therefore, the LORD.
- 4. Through water we enter the kingdom of God & the promised land of heaven.

Thursday – <u>Joshua 4</u>

- 1. To serve as a memorial of how God cut off the Jordan so they could cross.
- 2. The waters of the Jordan returned to flood stage.
- 3. The children of future generations would hear of the LORD's mighty work.
- 4. Cross, candles, paraments, banners, altar, font, stained glass windows

Friday - Joshua 5

- 1. Joshua was to have all the males circumcised, which was a sign God gave to Abraham that He would give his descendants the land. (Genesis 17:8-11)
- 2. The Passover. The LORD provided the produce of the land in place of manna.
- 3. With Baptism and the Lord's Supper, signs and blessings of God's forgiveness
- 4. The Lord, specifically the Son of God. (Exodus 3:4-5) (Revelation 19:11-16)

Saturday – <u>Jeremiah 7</u>

- 1. God will let them dwell in the land that He gave their forefathers forever.
- 2. God will destroy their house of worship and cast them out of His sight.
- 3. The LORD sent His prophets but the people would not listen & were stubborn
- 4. Their dead bodies will be food for animals and their land will be a waste.

Sunday – Ps. 119 vs. 1-40 LSB 707 – Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1. What is the structure of this longest of all the Psalms, 22 parts, 8 verses each?
- 2. Whom does the psalmist say are blessed? v. 1-8
- 3. How can a young man keep his way pure? v. 9-16
- 4. How does the psalmist pray for God's help in keeping His Word? v. 33-40

Mon – Joshua 6 LSB 660 – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1. Why was Jericho shut up inside and outside? v. 1-2
- 2. What command did the LORD give Joshua to conquer the city? v. 3-5
- 3. What happened on the seventh day when the people shouted? v. 20
- 4. Who alone was spared from death and why? v. 22-25 (Hebrews 11:31)

Tuesday – Joshua 7 LSB 447 – Jesus, in Your Dying Woes vs. 1-6

- 1. What happened after Achan's sin of taking things devoted to God? v. 1-5
- 2. What did God uncover and command be done to the perpetrator? v. 10-15
- 3. How does Achan give glory to God? v. 19-21
- 4. Though a repentant is forgiven in Christ, what are the earthly consequences?

Wednesday – Joshua 8 LSB 425 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1. After dealing with Achan's sin, what did the LORD tell Joshua? v. 1-2
- 2. Though Joshua had a great strategy, why was he successful in battle? v. 18
- 3. Like the king of Ai, who else was cursed, hung on a tree, and died for us?
- 4. What command did Joshua fulfill at Mt. Gerizim & Ebal?v. 30f(Deut. 27:4-13)

Thursday – Joshua 9 LSB 651 – I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

- 1. Instead of joining the Canaanite coalition, what did the Gibeonites do? v.1-6
- 2. Before making a covenant, what did the Israelites fail to do? v. 14-15
- 3. How did Joshua honor the oath they swore to the Gibeonites? v. 18, 26
- 4. How was Joshua's curse of the Gibeonite deception actually a blessing? v.22f

Friday – <u>Joshua 10</u> <u>LSB 495 – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious</u>

- 1. Why did the Canaanite kings attack Gibeon? v. 1-5
- 2. How did Joshua honor the covenant sworn to the Gibeonites? v. 6-8
- 3. How did the LORD ensure victory over the Canaanites? v. 10-15
- 4. How was putting their feet on the necks of their enemies like Christ? v.24-25

Saturday – Jeremiah 15 LSB 531 – Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

- 1. What did king Manasseh do to bring God's judgment? v. 1-4 (2 Chron. 33:9)
- 2. What did the people do to bring God's judgment? v. 6-7
- 3. As a prophet of the LORD, what is Jeremiah's complaint? v. 10, 15-18
- 4. What does the LORD promise Jeremiah if he utters God's Word? v. 19-21 $\,$

This week, memorize & meditate on The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 25

Sunday – <u>Psalm 119 vs. 1-40</u>

- 1. The verses of each part begin with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 2. Those who walk in the law of the LORD and keep His statutes and precepts.
- 3. By storing up God's Word in his heart, meditating on it, and speaking it.
- 4. He asks the LORD to teach him, give him understanding, and lead him.

Monday – Joshua 6

- 1. The people feared the Israelites and their God, the LORD.
- 2. The men of war with the priests carrying the ark of the LORD were to march around the city one time for six days and seven times on the seventh day.
- 3. The walls of the city fell down flat, and the Israelites captured the city.
- 4. Rahab and her household because by faith she helped the spies of Joshua.

Tuesday – Joshua 7

- 1. The LORD was not with them, and 36 soldiers died in the next battle at Ai.
- 2. The LORD uncovered Achan's sin and commanded he be killed.
- 3. He confesses his sin, "I saw . . . I coveted . . . I took."
- 4. Like the repentant thief on the cross, he is forgiven eternally for Christ's sake, but his crime may still bring temporal consequences on earth.

Wednesday - Joshua 8

- 1. Not to fear. God would give them the city, and they could take the spoils.
- 2. The LORD gave the city into their hand.
- 3. Jesus took the curse of sin for us on the tree of the cross. (Galatians 3:13)
- 4. He wrote the Law on an altar and read it to the people between the mounts.

Thursday - Joshua 9

- 1. They pretended to be from a far county and pleaded for a covenant of peace.
- 2. They did not inquire of the LORD but trusted in their own judgment.
- 3. They did not kill the Gibeonites but let them live among them.
- 4. Because they believed in the LORD, they became workers for God's house.

Friday – <u>Joshua 10</u>

- 1. Because the Gibeonites had made peace and sided with the Israelites.
- 2. With the LORD's encouragement, Joshua defended the Gibeonites in battle.
- 3. He threw them into a panic, rained hail stones, and made the sun stand still.
- 4. God puts all Christ's enemies under His feet. (Ps. 110:1, 1 Cor. 15:24-26)

- 1. He led the people to do more evil than the Canaanites before them.
- 2. They rejected the LORD and did not turn from their evil ways.
- 3. The people curse and persecute him, bringing him loneliness and pain.
- 4. The LORD will deliver him from the wicked and turn the people to him.

Sunday – Psalm 121 LSB 739 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

- 1. Where does our help come from when we search heaven and earth? v. 2
- 2. Who keeps us from falling when we are awake or asleep? v. 3-4
- 3. When does the LORD keep us from being stricken? v. 5-6
- 4. What does the LORD keep us from? v. 7-8

Mon – Joshua 11 LSB 668 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

- 1. By crossing the Jordan at Jericho, what military strategy does God employ?
- 2. What great military advantage of the Canaanites does God overcome? v.6-9
- 3. After Joshua conquers their enemies, what do the Israelites receive? v.23-24
- 4. When do we receive our inheritance and have rest from war? (Matt. 25:34)

Tuesday – Joshua 20 LSB 625 – Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

- 1. What did God appoint for those who slayed a person without intent? v. 1-5
- 2. If innocent, how long was the manslayer required to remain in the city? v. 6
- 3. Who is the avenger of blood who accuses us and to whom do we flee?
- 4. Whose death enables us to go to our heavenly home.

Wednesday – Joshua 22 LSB 937 – Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

- 1. What command did the 2-1/2 tribes keep & what did Joshua tell them?v.1-6
- 2. How did the west tribes respond to the altar made by the east? v. 10-20
- 3. What was the purpose of the altar at the Jordan River? v. 21-29
- 4. What should the Church do when controversies or conflicts arise? v. 30-34

Thursday – Joshua 23 LSB 567 – Not What These Hands Have Done

- 1. What does Joshua remind the people that God has done for them? v. 1-5
- 2. What does Joshua remind the people that they do? v. 6-8, 11
- 3. What will happen if they cling to the nations and marry them? v. 12-13
- 4. What does Joshua say has not failed? v. 14

Friday – Joshua 24 LSB 862 – Oh, Blest the House

- 1. Before God called Abraham with His promises, what did his family do? v. 2
- 2. What has the LORD done for Abraham's family and descendants? v. 3-13
- 3. What does Joshua exhort the people to do? v. 14-15
- 4. What do they promise and how does Joshua confirm their promise? v. 16-25

Saturday – Jeremiah 23 LSB 563 – Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1. What does the LORD say to shepherds who destroy & scatter His flock?v.1-2
- 2. What will the LORD himself do for His flock? v. 3-4
- 3. Who is the righteous branch the LORD will raise up for King David? v. 5
- 4. Why is Christ called "The LORD is our righteousness"? v. 6 (Rom. 3:21-26)

This week, memorize & meditate on The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 26

Sunday - Psalm 121

- 1. Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- 2. The LORD, who is always attentive, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.
- 3. The LORD keeps us both night and day from calamity.
- 4. The LORD keeps us forever from sin, death, and every evil through Christ.

Monday - Joshua 11

- 1. The Israelites bisect the land, divide & conquer, first the south then the north
- 2. The Israelites on foot conquered the Canaanites with their horses & chariots.
- 3. They receive their land inheritance and have rest from war.
- 4. When we leave the Church militant & enter heaven, the Church triumphant.

Tuesday – Joshua 20

- 1. Six cities of refuge to which a person could safely flee until trial.
- 2. Until the death of the high priest, then he could return to his home city.
- 3. Satan accuses us of our sin, and we flee to Jesus for refuge.
- 4. The death of our high priest, Jesus Christ, enables us to go home to heaven.

Wednesday – Joshua 22

- 1. They fought with their brother tribes. They could return to their inheritance.
- 2. They gathered for war because they thought they were rebelling against God
- 3. Not for sacrifice but to serve as a reminder that the east shared in the LORD.
- 4. Come together for discussion so each side may be heard and understood.

Thursday - Joshua 23

- ${\bf 1}.$ The LORD has driven out their enemies and given them the land and rest.
- 2. Keep the Law, keep away from false gods, love the LORD, and cling to Him.
- 3. The LORD will no longer drive out the nations, and the Israelites will perish.
- 4. Not one word of all that the good that the LORD has promised.

Friday – Joshua 24

- 1. They were idolaters who worshipped and served other gods.
- 2. Delivered them from their enemies & given them their land, cities, vineyards
- 3. Put away false gods, serve the LORD, and fear Him.
- 4. Not to forsake the LORD, but serve Him. Joshua made a covenant with them by writing it in the Book of the Law and setting up a stone monument as witness

- 1. Words of woe. The LORD will judge them for their evil deeds.
- 2. The LORD will gather the remnant of His flock back to His fold so they will be fruitful and multiply. He will set shepherds over them who will care for them.
- 3. Jesus Christ, descended from David, who reigns as king, just and righteous.
- 4. Jesus is righteous for us and gives us His righteousness through faith in Him.

Sunday – Psalm 130 LSB 607 – From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

- 1. From where does the psalmist cry, to whom, and for what? v. 1-2
- 2. Though we cannot stand because of our iniquities, what does God give? v. 4
- 3. What does our soul wait and hope for? v. 5-7
- 4. With what will the LORD redeem us (buy us back) from our iniquities? v.8

Mon – Judges 2 LSB 527 – O Savior, Precious Savior

- 1. How long did the people serve the LORD? v. 7-10
- 2. Why would the angel of the LORD no longer drive out the Canaanites? v.2-3
- 3. What did the LORD do because the Israelites worshipped false gods?v.11-15
- 4. What did the LORD do when the Israelites cried out in distress? v. 16

Tuesday – Judges 3 LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1. Why did God allow some of the other nations to remain in the land? v. 1-4
- 2. What did the LORD do when the Israelites repented of idolatry? v. 7-11
- 3. What did the LORD do when the Israelites returned to evil ways? v. 12-14
- 4. After Ehud assassinated Eglon, what does he tell the Israelites? v. 28

Wednesday – Judges 4 LSB 336 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

- 1. Through the judge, Deborah, what does the LORD promise Barak? v. 6-7
- 2. When Barak requested Deborah go with him, what did she prophesy? v. 8-9
- 3. How did God win the battle for the Israelites against Sisera? (Judges 5:20-22)
- 4. How was the prophecy fulfilled that a woman would receive the glory? v. 17f

Thursday – <u>Judges 6</u> <u>LSB 628 – Your Table I Approach</u>

- 1. What did the LORD do when the Israelites did evil & then cried out? v. 1-10
- 2. What does the LORD call and send Gideon to do? v. 11-16
- 3. What does the LORD command as Gideon's first act of deliverance? v. 25-27
- 4. What sign did the LORD give Gideon that he would be victorious? v. 36-40

Friday – <u>Judges 7</u> <u>LSB 490 – Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won</u>

- 1. How will the LORD show His power in defeating the Midianites? v.2-8, 16-18
- 2. What sign does the LORD provide to strengthen Gideon? v. 9-15
- 3. What happened when the 300 blew trumpets, crashed jars, & held torches?
- 4. How did the rest of Israel participate in the victory? v. 23-25 $\,$

Saturday – Jeremiah 25 LSB 436 – Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 1. What does the LORD plead for His people through Jeremiah? v. 5-6
- 2. What will the LORD do because the people fail to listen and obey? v. 8-11
- 3. What does God command Jeremiah to do with the cup of His wrath? v. 15
- 4. Who drank the cup of God's wrath in our place? (Matthew 26:36-39)

This week, memorize & meditate on <u>The Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer</u>

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 27

Sunday - Psalm 130

- 1. From depths of woe to the LORD for mercy.
- 2. Forgiveness of our sins because of Christ's sacrifice and God's mercy.
- 3. We wait for the LORD and hope in His Word for His love and redemption.
- 4. With Christ's holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

Monday – Judges 2

- 1. Until another generation arose after Joshua who did not know the LORD.
- 2. Because the Israelites did not break down the altars of their false gods.
- 3. The LORD gave the Israelites over to their enemies who plundered them.
- 4. The LORD raised up judges who delivered & saved them from their enemies.

Tuesday - Judges 3

- 1. To teach the Israelites warfare and to test whether they would obey Him.
- 2. He raised up a deliverer (Savior) who defeated their enemy & gave them rest
- 3. He strengthened the Moabite king Eglon who oppressed them for 18 years.
- 4. Follow after me, for the LORD has given your enemies into your hand.

Wednesday - Judges 4

- 1. That the LORD would give Sisera, general of the Canaanites, into his hand.
- 2. That the glory of the battle would not go to him but to a woman.
- 3. The LORD opened the heavens which flooded the small Kishon River. Sisera and his army's chariots got stuck in the mud, and their horses galloped away.
- 4. Jael lulled Sisera to sleep with milk and drove a tent peg through his skull.

Thursday – <u>Judges 6</u>

- 1. God gave them into the hand of Midian and sent a prophet to rebuke them.
- 2. To save Israel from Midian with the help of the LORD.
- 3. To tear down the altar of Baal and Asherah pole & build an altar to the LORD.
- 4. The fleece was wet & the ground dry; the fleece was dry & the ground wet.

Friday - Judges 7

- 1. He reduces their forces to 300, armed with trumpets, torches, & empty jars.
- 2. One man in the enemy camp has a dream of a cake of barely bread flattening the tent, and another interprets it as God giving them into the hand of Gideon.
- 3. In the confusion of night, the Midianites slew one another and fled.
- 4. Gideon sent messengers and called the other tribes to join the rout.

- 1. That they would turn from their evil ways so He would do them no harm.
- 2. He will send His servant Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to exile them 70 years.
- 3. Make all the nations to whom He sends Jeremiah to drink it.
- 4. In Gethsemane Jesus obeyed God's will to drink the cup of His wrath for us.

Sunday – Psalm 139 LSB 880 – Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow

- 1. What knowledge is too wonderful (v. 6) for the psalmist to attain? v. 1-5
- 2. What attribute of God does the psalmist praise? v. 7-12
- 3. What other attributes of God does the psalmist praise? v. 13-16
- 4. What does the psalmist pray about the wicked who shed blood? v. 19

Mon – Judges 11 LSB 438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

- 1. What deal did the elders of Gilead make with illegitimate Jephthah? v. 6-11
- 2. How does Jephthah argue against the claims of the Ammonite king? v. 15-27
- 3. What foolish vow does Jephthah make if the LORD gives him victory?v.30-31
- 4. Who came out of his tent and how did Jephthah keep his vow? v. 34-40

Tuesday – <u>Judges 13</u> <u>LSB 356 – The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</u>

- 1. What does the angel of the LORD announce to the wife of Manoah? v. 2-5
- 2. What did it mean that the boy would be a Nazarite to God? v.5 (Num. 6:1-8)
- 3. Who is the angel of the LORD whom Manoah equated with God? v. 20-22
- 4. What was the boy's name and how did the LORD bless him? v. 24-25

Wednesday – <u>Judges 14</u> <u>LSB 522 – Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise</u>

- 1. How does God use Samson's lust for a Philistine woman for His purpose? v.4
- 2. Why is Samson able to kill the lion with his bare hands? v. 5-6
- 3. Why and how did Samson's Philistine wife betray her husband? v. 15-17
- 4. How did Samson punish the Philistines for cheating? v. 19

Thursday – <u>Judges 15</u> LSB 458 – Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

- 1. When Samson's wife is given away, how does he take revenge? v. 2-5
- 2. Why do the men of Judah turn Samson over to the Philistines? v. 11-13
- 3. How does bound Samson kill 1000 armed Philistines with a jawbone?v.14-16
- 4. What does God do when thirsting Samson credits Him with salvation? v. 18f

Friday – <u>Judges 16</u> <u>LSB 454 – Upon the Cross Extended</u>

- 1. How is Samson destroying the gates of the enemy city like Christ? Mt. 16:18
- 2. Why did Samson lose his strength? v. 17-20
- 3. How does Samson suffer humiliation? v. 21-25
- 4. How is the death of Samson like Christ? v. 26-31

Saturday – Jeremiah 26 LSB 741 – Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

- 1. What does the LORD tell Jeremiah to preach in the Temple courts? v. 2-6
- 2. How do the priests, prophets, and people respond to Jeremiah? v. 7-11
- 3. How does Jeremiah defend himself and the LORD? v. 12-15
- 4. How do the officials & people save Jeremiah from the false prophets? v. 16f

This week, memorize & meditate on The First Part of Baptism

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 28

Sunday – Psalm 139

- 1. How the LORD knows His people, their doings, thoughts, ways, and words.
- 2. The LORD is present with him everywhere, heaven, sky, earth, sea, grave.
- 3. In His omnipotence & omniscience, He creates all people and plans their life.
- 4. He prays that God would slay those who take life, born and unborn.

Monday - Judges 11

- 1. If He led them to victory over the Ammonites, he would be their leader.
- 2. By recounting history, he shows how God gave them the land legitimately.
- 3. He will sacrifice as a burnt offering the first thing that comes out of his tent.
- 4. His daughter, whom he sacrificed as a burnt offering, or he substituted an animal to redeem her for lifelong, unmarried service at the Tabernacle.

Tuesday - Judges 13

- 1. Though barren, she would bear a son who saves Israel from the Philistines.
- 2. He would be separate for God's service (no wine, razor, or touching dead)
- 3. He is the Son of God whose name is Wonderful, v. 18. (Isaiah 9:6)
- 4. His name was Samson (the strong one) and the Holy Spirit gave him strength.

Wednesday - Judges 14

- 1. To engage Samson against the Philistines as an enemy.
- 2. The Holy Spirit comes upon him and gives him superhuman strength.
- 3. Threatened by the Philistines with death, she revealed Samson's riddle.
- 4. With power from the Holy Spirit, he killed 30 Philistines for their garments.

Thursday – <u>Judges 15</u>

- 1. He loosed 150 pairs of foxes with torches tied to their tails to burn their fields
- 2. They fear the Philistines who rule over them, and Samson goes willingly.
- 3. The Holy Spirit strengthened him to break his bonds and slay them.
- 4. The LORD split open the hollow of a rock and poured forth water to drink.

Friday - Judges 16

- 1. After His resurrection, Christ storms the gates of hell to proclaim His victory.
- 2. Succumbing to Delilah, a man cut his hair, breaking his vow, so God left him.
- 3. The Philistines gouge out his eyes, imprison him, and mock him publicly.
- 4. After humbling Himself & laying aside His Divine power, Christ is humiliated publicly, but He extends His arms on the cross & slays enemies: sin, death, devil

- 1. That the LORD will curse and bring disaster on their city unless they repent.
- 2. They demanded of the king's officials that he be put to death.
- 3. He's willing to die for speaking God's Word but they will be guilty of his blood
- 4. They defend him for speaking God's Word as had other prophets in the past.

Sunday – Psalm 143 LSB 702 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1. On what basis does the psalmist request the LORD to hear his prayer? v. 1-2
- 2. When faint from his enemy, what does the psalmist remember? v. 3-5
- 3. What does the psalmist pray and trust the LORD for? v. 8-10
- 4. How does the LORD deliver our life and soul in His righteousness? v. 11

Mon – Ruth 1 LSB 748 – I'm But a Stranger Here

- 1. Why did Naomi's family leave Bethlehem & what tragedy happened? v. 1-5
- 2. When Naomi returned home, what did she tell her daughters-in-law? v.6-14
- 3. While Orpah remained in Moab, what did Ruth do? v. 15-18
- 4. Why does Naomi tell her town to call her Mara, meaning bitter? v. 19-21

Tuesday – Ruth 2 LSB 855 – For All the Faithful Women v. 1, 7, 3-4

- 1. How did Boaz greet the reapers, and how did they respond? v. 4
- 2. How was Boaz respectful, kind, and protective of Ruth? v. 8-16
- 3. Why was Boaz so favorable to Ruth? 11-12
- 4. What was one of the responsibilities of a redeemer? v. 20 (Leviticus 25:25)

Wednesday – Ruth 3 LSB 539 – Christ Is the World's Redeemer

- 1. How does Naomi address Ruth and reciprocate her care? v. 1-4
- 2. How does Ruth make a marriage proposal to Boaz? v. 9
- 3. How does Boaz respond to Ruth's proposal? v. 10-13
- 4. How is the LORD beginning to refill Naomi's emptiness? v. 15-17

Thursday – Ruth 4 LSB 859 – Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest

- 1. How does Boaz secure the redemption of Naomi's land? v. 5-6
- 2. How does the LORD change Naomi's bitterness and emptiness? v. 13-17
- 3. What is one of the reasons this book is included in the O.T.? v. 17-22
- 4. Who was also descended from Ruth and born in Bethlehem Ephrathah?

Friday – 1 Samuel 1 LSB 855 – For All the Faithful Women v. 1, 6, 3-4

- 1. Why does Elkanah give Hannah a double portion from the sacrifice? v. 5-6
- 2. In her affliction what does Hannah pray and vow to the LORD? v. 10-11
- 3. After Eli blesses Hannah, how does the LORD answer her prayer? v. 19-20
- 4. How does Hannah keep her vow to the LORD? v. 24-28

Saturday – Jeremiah 28 LSB 658 – Preserve Your Word, O Savior

- 1. What does Hananiah prophesy about what the LORD will do? v. 2-4
- 2. What does Jeremiah say about the prophet who prophesies peace? v. 9
- 3. What does the LORD tell Jeremiah instead? v. 13-14
- 4. What happens to Hananiah for making the people trust a lie? v. 15-17

This week, memorize & meditate on The Second Part of Baptism

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 29

Sunday - Psalm 143

- 1. Not his own righteousness but the righteousness of the LORD.
- 2. He mediates and ponders on the work God's hands have done.
- 3. His steadfast love, guidance, will, and deliverance from enemies.
- 4. By faith in Christ and His righteousness for us. (Rom. 3:21-26)

Monday - Ruth 1

- 1. Because of the famine, they moved to Moab where her husband & sons died.
- 2. She told them to remain in their homeland of Moab & seek husbands there.
- 3. Ruth vowed that Naomi's people would be her people & her God her God.
- 4. She thought the LORD had dealt bitterly to her & brought calamity upon her.

Tuesday - Ruth 2

- 1. "The LORD be with you!" and "The LORD bless you."
- 2. Boaz put Ruth under the protection of his workers, gave her food & drink, blessed her, & instructed his workers to leave behind sheaves of grain to glean.
- 3. Because she trusted God, left her homeland, & cared for her mother-in-law.
- 4. To buy back the estate of a deceased relative who sold it because of poverty.

Wednesday - Ruth 3

- 1. Naomi addresses Ruth as her daughter & plays matchmaker for her & Boaz.
- 2. She lies at Boaz's feet & asks him to spread his wings over her as a redeemer.
- 3. He blesses her and promises to redeem her if a closer relative refuses.
- 4. Ruth returns with a redeemer's promise and her garment filled with barely.

Thursday - Ruth 4

- 1. Unlike the closer relative, Boaz would take Ruth as wife and her son as heir.
- 2. The LORD gives her a kinsmen redeemer and a grandson in her old age.
- 3. To show the lineage of king David, son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, husband of Ruth, a Gentile brought into God's kingdom.
- 4. Jesus Christ. (Micah 5:2, Luke 2:4-7)

Friday – <u>1 Samuel 1</u>

- 1. He loved her though the LORD had closed her womb & her rival teased her.
- 2. If the LORD gives her a son, she will dedicate him to the LORD all his days.
- 3. The LORD gives her a son whom she names Samuel, meaning "heard of God."
- 4. After she weans him, Hannah brings Samuel to serve in the LORD's house.

Saturday – <u>Jeremiah 28</u>

- 1. God will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar in 2 years & return the exiles.
- 2. If the word of the prophet comes true, then the LORD has sent him.
- 3. The Israelites and other nations will continue under Babylon's yoke.
- 4. Hananiah dies that year just as Jeremiah, the true prophet, prophesied.

Sunday – Psalm 145 LSB 726 – Evening and Morning

- 1. What does one generation teach the next about the LORD? v. 4-7
- 2. Because we are unrighteous, for what do we trust in the LORD? v. 8-9
- 3. How do verses 15 and 16 serve as a table prayer? v. 15-16
- 4. To whom is the LORD near to hear, save, and preserve? v. 18-20

Mon – 1 Samuel 2 LSB 410 – Within the Father's House

- 1. How did God bless Hannah for giving Samuel to serve the LORD? v. 18-21
- 2. How did Eli's sons show disdain for the LORD and His house? v. 12-17, 22-25
- 3. What was Eli's punishment for honoring his sons above God? v. 27-34
- 4. Like Samuel, who else grew in stature and favor with God and men? v. 26

Tuesday – <u>1 Samuel 3</u> <u>LSB 589 – Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens</u>

- 1. What was one way which God gave His Word to His prophets? v. 1, 10, 15
- 2. Why does the LORD punish Eli's house? v. 13
- 3. How does Eli respond to the LORD's Word through Samuel? v. 18
- 4. Even at a young age, what did the LORD call Samuel to be? v. 8-10, 19-21

Wednesday – <u>1 Samuel 4</u> <u>LSB 948 – All Glory Be to God Alone</u>

- 1. How do the Israelites try to manipulate God to bring them victory? v. 3-4
- 2. Whom do the Philistines fear and remember more than the Israelites? v.5-9
- 3. What grieves Eli more than the defeat of Israel & the death of his sons? v. 18
- 4. How did the glory depart from Israel? v. 19-22

Thursday – 1 Samuel 5 LSB 541 – "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried

- 1. What happened when the Philistines brought the ark to their temple? v. 1-5
- 2. What happened to the cities of Ashdod and Gath because of the ark? v. 6-9
- 3. What happened when the ark was sent to the city of Ekron? v. 10-12
- 4. What did the people of Ekron tell the Philistine lords to do? v. 11

Friday – <u>1 Samuel 6</u> <u>LSB 475 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing</u>

- 1. What did the Philistine priests advise for returning the ark to Israel? v. 2-7
- 2. How would they know whether the plague was a coincidence? v. 8-9
- 3. What did the Israelites of Beth-shemesh do when the ark returned? v. 13-15 $\,$
- 4. What happened to the Israelite men who looked inside the ark? v. 19

Saturday – Jeremiah 31 LSB 620 – Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- 1. How does "Rachel weeping for her children" anticipate Jesus' birth? v. 15
- 2. What was the old covenant which the Israelites broke? v. 32
- 3. How will the new covenant be different from the old covenant? v. 33-34
- 4. When was the new covenant instituted? (Matthew 26:26-28)

This week, memorize & meditate on The Third Part of Baptism">The Third Part of Baptism

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 30

Sunday - Psalm 145

- 1. The LORD's mighty works, greatness, goodness, and righteousness.
- 2. His grace, mercy, steadfast love, and goodness to us.
- 3. We praise God that He gives food to all living things & satisfies their desire.
- 4. Those who call upon Him in truth, fear, and love.

Monday - 1 Samuel 2

- 1. Hannah conceived and bore three more sons and two daughters.
- 2. They stole God's offering, slept with women, and disobeyed their father.
- 3. His sons would die the same die, and his house would be cut off.
- 4. Jesus Christ when he was a boy of twelve. (Luke 2:52)

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 3

- 1. God comes to the prophet and speaks His Word through a vision.
- 2. Eli knew that his sons were blaspheming God, but he failed to restrain them.
- 3. He accepts the LORD's verdict and judgment as good.
- 4. His prophet to hear and speak His Word to His people.

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 4

- 1. Without a Word from God, they carry the ark of the covenant into battle.
- 2. They fear the LORD and remember His mighty acts against the Egyptians.
- 3. The capture of the ark of God by the Philistines.
- 4. By the loss of the ark which was the visible sign of God's covenant & presence

Thursday - 1 Samuel 5

- 1. The image of their god Dagon fell before the ark with broken head & hands.
- 2. The LORD afflicted their people with terror and tumors.
- 3. The people cried out, the city panicked, & men died or were struck w/ tumors
- 4. Send the ark of the God of Israel back to its place lest it kill them.

Friday – <u>1 Samuel 6</u>

- 1. To return it with a guilt offering of 5 golden tumors and 5 golden rats.
- 2. If the cows drawing the cart returned to Israel, the plague was from the LORD
- 3. They rejoiced and offered the cows and other burnt offerings to the LORD.
- 4. The LORD struck them dead because they were irreverent and not consecrated for service with the ark like the Levites.

- 1. Rachel died in childbirth and was buried on the way to Bethlehem where mothers wept when Herod slew their children in an attempt to kill Jesus.
- 2. The covenant at Mt. Sinai based upon them keeping the 10 Commandments.
- 3. The new covenant is based upon the Gospel, God forgiving their sins.
- 4. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins.

Sunday – Psalm 147 LSB 795 – Voices Raised to You We Offer

- 1. What was the occasion for this 2nd of 5 hallelujah "praise the LORD" psalms?
- 2. Besides rebuilding Jerusalem, what else does the LORD do? v. 2-6
- 3. God gives food to make the body strong, but what does He delight in? v. 11
- 4. What blessing do God's people have that is greater than all else? v. 19-20

Mon – 1 Samuel 7 LSB 334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

- 1. Why did the ark reside outside the Tabernacle for 20 years? v. 6:19-7:2
- 2. What did Samuel exhort the people to do to receive God's deliverance? v. 3
- 3. How do the people respond to Samuel's call for repentance? v. 4-9
- 4. How did God respond to their repentance & Samuel's intercession? v. 10-14

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 8 LSB 804 – O Worship the King

- 1. Why did the people ask Samuel to appoint a king over them? v. 1-5
- 2. Why did the people's request displease Samuel and the LORD? v. 6-9
- 3. What did Samuel warn that a king would do to them? v. 10-17
- 4. How did the people respond to Samuel's warning? v. 19-20

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 9 LSB 446 – Jesus, Greatest at the Table

- 1. How is Saul described? v. 1-2, 21
- 2. How did the LORD bring Saul to Samuel? v. 3-14
- 3. What did the LORD chose Saul to be and do for the Israelites? v. 16-17
- 4. How does Samuel give Saul special honor? v. 19-24

Thursday – <u>1 Samuel 10</u> <u>LSB 525 – Crown Him with Many Crowns</u>

- 1. What was the rite to show the LORD had chosen Saul as king? v. 1
- 2. What was a sign that showed the LORD had chosen Saul as king? v. 5-13
- 3. What did the people reveal on the day of Saul's coronation? v. 18-19
- 4. How was Saul reluctant to become king & how did God help him? v. 22, 26

Friday – 1 Samuel 11 LSB 503 – O Day Full of Grace

- 1. How did the Ammonites threaten the Israelites of Jabesh-gilead? v. 1-2
- 2. Why was Saul emboldened to muster the Israelites in battle? v. 5-6
- 3. How did the LORD establish the kingship under Saul? v. 7-11
- 4. How did Saul show mercy upon those who rejected him as king? v. 12-13

Saturday – Jeremiah 33 LSB 359 – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1. What does the LORD prophesy of Jerusalem because of their evil? v. 4-5
- 2. What does the LORD prophesy of Jerusalem because of His mercy? v. 6-13
- 3. Who is the righteous branch and what will His people be called? v. 14-16
- 4. What is as certain as God's covenant that day will follow night? v. 17-26

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 31

Sunday - Psalm 147

- 1. The return from exile in Babylon and the rebuilding of Jerusalem.
- 2. He gathers the outcasts, heals the brokenhearted, and lifts up the humble.
- 3. Those who fear Him and hope in His steadfast love.
- 4. God's Word which blesses our children and gives peace to our families.

Monday – 1 Samuel 7

- 1. The Israelites still had to learn proper reverence toward God's holy things.
- 2. Repent. Put away their foreign gods, turn to the LORD, and serve Him.
- 3. They left their false gods, confessed their sin, and cried out to the LORD.
- 4. The LORD defeated the Philistines, restored their land, and gave them peace.

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 8

- 1. Samuel was old, his sons ungodly, & they wanted to be like the other nations.
- 2. They were rejecting the LORD as their king and trusting in human rulers.
- 3. Take their sons, daughters, servants, and land for his benefit and tax them.
- 4. They refused to obey & demanded a king as other nations to fight their wars.

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 9

- 1. A handsome man, a head taller than all, from the humble tribe of Benjamin.
- 2. Saul sought Samuel to find the whereabouts of his father's donkeys.
- 3. To be their king, restrain them, and save them from the Philistines.
- 4. Samuel gave him the place of honor and a special portion at the meal table.

Thursday - 1 Samuel 10

- 1. Samuel anointed Saul's head with oil.
- 2. The Spirit of the LORD came upon Saul, and he prophesied with the prophets.
- 3. Despite God's deliverance from other nations, they rejected the LORD as king
- 4. Saul hid among the baggage, but God gave him men of valor at his side.

Friday – 1 Samuel 11

- 1. They planned to make them their servants and gouge out their right eye.
- 2. The Spirit of God rushed upon him when he heard of his people's plight.
- 3. The LORD gathered the Israelite army under Saul & gave them a great victory
- 4. Saul spared their lives and reminded the people of the LORD's salvation.

- 1. Their defenses will be torn down and filled with dead bodies.
- 2. The LORD will bring health, healing, prosperity, security, restoration, cleansing of guilt, forgiveness of sin, mirth, gladness, singing, and thanksgiving.
- 3. Jesus Christ, whose people will be called "The LORD is our righteousness."
- 4. That God will keep His promise that a Davidic King will rule over His people and that a High Priest shall intercede for them, that is Jesus Christ.

Sunday – Proverbs 1 LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image

- 1. Who is the primary author of the book of Proverbs? v. 1
- 2. What is the purpose of the book of Proverbs? v. 2-6
- 3. What is the beginning of wisdom, knowledge, and instruction? v. 7
- 4. How did Solomon become so wise? (1 Kings 3:9-12, 1 Kings 4:29-33)

Mon – 1 Samuel 12 LSB 696 – O God, My Faithful God

- 1. Who gave witness to Samuel's good character as judge of Israel? v. 3, 5
- 2. What repeating pattern did the Israelites follow for 400 years? v. 9-11
- 3. What will happen if the people & king follow the LORD? v. 14-15
- 4. What motivates the people to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully? v. 24

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 13 LSB 735 – Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1. How does Saul continue to fulfill his role as king? v. 2-4
- 2. After Saul panics, what does he do wrong in his office of king? v. 8-12
- 3. What are the consequences of Saul's lack of trust in God? v. 13-14
- 4. What is the difference in military weapons between Israel & Philistia? v.5, 22

Wednesday – <u>1 Samuel 14</u> LSB 664 – Fight the Good Fight

- 1. Whom did Jonathan trust for victory over the Philistine garrison? v. 6, 10, 12
- 2. Because of Jonathan's initial trust, who saved Israel that day & how? v.15-23
- 3. What foolish vow does Saul make as the Philistines flee? v. 24
- 4. What does Saul vow should happen to Jonathan for eating honey? v. 43-45

Thursday – 1 Samuel 15 LSB 610 – Lord Jesus, Think on Me

- 1. How does Saul disobey God's command regarding the Amalekites? v. 2-9
- 2. Though Saul has his reasons for disobeying, how does Samuel reply? v. 22
- 3. What are the consequences of Saul's rejection of the LORD's word? v. 23, 28
- 4. How does Saul respond to Samuel's rebuke? v. 24-25, 30-31

Friday – 1 Samuel 16 LSB 796 – When in Our Music God Is Glorified

- 1. When Samuel is impressed with appearance, what does God say? v. 7
- 2. What happened when Samuel anointed David with oil as the next king? v. 13
- 3. What were the other consequences of Saul's rejection of God's Word? v. 14
- 4. How did the LORD show mercy to Saul through His anointed, David? v. 23

Saturday – Jeremiah 36 LSB 586 – Preach You the Word

- 1. What does the LORD instruct Jeremiah to do and why? v. 1-3
- 2. What does Jeremiah tell his personal scribe, Baruch, to do and why? v. 4-10
- 3. What did King Jehoiakim do when the scroll was read to him? v. 20-26
- 4. What did the LORD instruct Jeremiah to do and say in reply? v. 27-31

This week, memorize & meditate on What is Confession?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 32

Sunday - Proverbs 1

- 1. Solomon, son of David, King of Israel.
- 2. To give wisdom in righteousness, justice, equity, prudence, & discretion.
- 3. The fear of the LORD. We should fear, love, & trust in God above all things.
- 4. Solom prayed for wisdom to rule God's people, and God granted his request.

Monday - 1 Samuel 12

- 1. The LORD and His anointed, King Saul (also an inference to Christ).
- 2. People forgot God, God disciplines, people repent, God sends deliverer.
- 3. It will be well, but if they rebel, the hand of the LORD will be against them.
- 4. Remembering what great things the LORD has done for them.

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 13

- 1. He musters & commands an army to fight against the enemy Philistines.
- 2. Saul disobeys God and makes the offering without God's appointed servant.
- 3. His kingdom would end, but God would raise up another man after His heart.
- 4. The Philistines had thousands of chariots & horsemen; Israel had no swords.

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 14

- 1. The LORD, who can save by many or by few.
- 2. The LORD threw the Philistines into panic, tumult, and confusion.
- 3. Saul cursed any man who ate food until he was avenged on his enemies.
- 4. Saul vowed that Jonathan should die, but the people interceded for him.

Thursday – 1 Samuel 15

- 1. Saul does not destroy all, but he spares the king and the best of their herds.
- 2. To obey the LORD is better than sacrifice and to listen than the fat of rams.
- 3. The LORD rejects him as king and gives the kingdom of Israel to another man.
- 4. Saul confesses his sin, seeks pardon, and worships the LORD.

Friday – <u>1 Samuel 16</u>

- 1. Man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.
- 2. The Holy Spirit came upon David from that day forward.
- 3. The Holy Spirit left Saul, and the LORD allowed a demon to torment him.
- 4. When David played his lyre, the demon departed, and Saul was refreshed.

- 1. Write on a scroll all the words the LORD has given him the past 23 years so the people will repent that God may forgive their iniquity and sin.
- 2. Read the scroll to the people in the LORD's house so they will repent.
- 3. He burned the scroll in the fire. He became the first Bible burner.
- 4. Jeremiah dictated another scroll to Baruch and prophesied that Jehoiakim would have no descendant on the throne. The royal line of David was cursed.

Sunday – Proverbs 3 LSB 955 – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

- 1. What will give you favor and good success in the sight of God & man? v. 3-4
- 2. Instead of leaning on our own understanding, what should we do? v. 4-7
- 3. When we honor God with our tithe and first fruits, what does He do? v. 9-10
- 4. Why should we not despise the LORD's discipline in our lives? v. 11-12

Mon – 1 Samuel 17 LSB 464 – The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

- 1. Who was Goliath & what did he propose instead of armies fighting? v. 4-9
- 2. Who should have trusted God & served as the Israelite champion? v. 31-39
- 3. How does the boy David approach Goliath with such confidence? v. 45-47
- 4. How does the LORD give David victory over Goliath? v. 48-50

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 18 LSB 548 – Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

- 1. How does Saul's son Jonathan show friendship to David? v. 1-5
- 2. Why is Saul jealous of David and what does his envy cause him to do? v.6-16
- 3. What is Saul's plan to destroy David by the hand of others? v. 20-25
- 4. How are Saul's plans thwarted by the LORD? v. 26-30

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 19 LSB 913 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

- 1. When Saul seeks David's life, how does his son Jonathan intercede? v. 1-5
- 2. What is the result of Jonathan's intercession? v. 6-7
- 3. When Saul breaks his vow, how does his daughter Michal intercede? v. 9-17
- 4. When Saul sent men to take David, how does the LORD intercede? v. 18-24

Thursday – 1 Samuel 20 LSB 649 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- 1. When David fears Saul's wrath, how does he find comfort? v. 1-11
- 2. What covenant promise does Jonathan ask of David? v. 14-17
- 3. How does Jonathan risk his life for David? v. 30-33
- 4. How do David and Jonathan part company? v. 41-42

Friday – <u>1 Samuel 24</u> <u>LSB 566 – By Grace I'm Saved</u>

- 1. What do David's men encourage him to do to Saul in the cave? v. 2-7
- 2. How do David's peaceful actions justify him before Saul and God? v. 8-15
- 3. How does Saul respond to David's act of mercy to spare his life? v. 16-19
- 4. What else does Saul know and ask of David? v. 20-22

Saturday – Jeremiah 37 LSB 439 – O Dearest Jesus v. 1-5

- 1. How is God's prophecy (36:30) fulfilled & how do the people respond? v.1-2
- 2. Though the Babylonians flee the Egyptians, what does God prophesy? v.6-10
- 3. What do the sentry & officials accuse Jeremiah & what do they do? v. 11-15
- 4. What does Jeremiah tell king Zedekiah and how does he respond? v. 16-21

This week, memorize & meditate on What sins should we confess?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 33

Sunday - Proverbs 3

- 1. Having a heart of steadfast love and faithfulness toward God and neighbor.
- 2. Trust in the LORD & fear Him, and He will heal you & keep your ways straight.
- 3. The LORD continues to bless us with even more than we need.
- 4. Our LORD disciplines us out of love like a father his son in whom he delights.

Monday - 1 Samuel 17

- 1. The Philistine champion, 9-1/2 feet tall. Single combat, loser serves winner.
- 2. Saul was the LORD's anointed king, armed and experienced in battle.
- 3. He comes in the name of the LORD and trusts in His deliverance.
- 4. Not with great weapons of war but with the simple weapon of a shepherd.

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 18

- 1. He made a covenant with David & gave him his princely clothes & weapons.
- 2. The LORD gives David more success in battle so Saul hurls his spear at him.
- 3. To offer his daughter as a snare and have the Philistines kill him in battle.
- 4. God gives David victory in battle, and he receives honor from the people.

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 19

- 1. He reminds Saul how David didn't sin against him but helped his kingdom.
- 2. Saul vows not to put David to death, and they are reconciled.
- 3. She warns David and helps him escape from Saul's soldiers.
- 4. God sends the Holy Spirit upon the men and Saul who then prophesy.

Thursday - 1 Samuel 20

- 1. He confides in his friend Jonathan who listens to his plea and agrees to help.
- 2. That David show Jonathan & his descendants the steadfast love of the LORD
- 3. By interceding for David, Jonathan receives Saul's anger, wrath, and violence.
- 4. In peace & love, swearing that the LORD be between them & their offspring

Friday - 1 Samuel 24

- 1. Kill his enemy, but David refuses to harm the LORD's anointed.
- 2. They show David's respect for God's anointed and trust in God's deliverance.
- 3. Saul repents, confesses his evil and David's innocence, and blesses him.
- 4. Saul knows that David will be king & asks him not to destroy his descendants.

- 1. Jehoiakim's son and descendants don't sit on the throne, but his successor Zedekiah, his servants, and people still don't listen to the word of the LORD.
- 2. The Babylonians (Chaldeans) will return, conquer, and burn Jerusalem.
- 3. They accuse him of deserting to the Babylonians, beat him, & imprison him.
- 4. Jeremiah tells him that he will be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon. Zedekiah releases Jeremiah from prison to the court of the guard.

Sunday – Proverbs 4 LSB 861 – Christ Be My Leader

- 1. What did David teach his son Solomon and why? v. 3-9
- 2. How can godly instruction give you life? v. 13
- 3. What is the difference between the path of the righteous & wicked? v.18-19
- 4. Even without a formal education, what can parents teach their children?

Mon – 1 Samuel 25 LSB 697 – Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

- 1. Because Nabal was ungrateful of his protection, what did David vow?v21-22
- 2. How is wise Abigail different from Nabal (whose name means fool)? v. 23-31
- 3. How does David respond to Abigail's wisdom? v. 32-35
- 4. What is the fate of Nabal and Abigail? v. 36-42

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 26 LSB 659 – Lord of Our Life

- 1. When they find Saul asleep, what does Abishai say and request of David? v.8
- 2. How does David respond to Abishai's counsel for violence? v. 9-12
- 3. How does Saul respond to David's act of mercy? v. 21, 25
- 4. What is David's hope for making Saul's life precious in his sight? v. 24

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 28 LSB 768 – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

- 1. What does Saul do when he fears the Philistines and not the LORD? v. 5-7
- 2. Since God had forbidden consulting the dead, who is the spirit? v. 11-14
- 3. What does the spirit speak to Saul? v. 16-19
- 4. How does Saul respond to the spirit's accusation and proclamation? v. 20

Thursday – 1 Samuel 31 LSB 456 – Were You There

- 1. How does Saul break the 5th Commandment? v. 4
- 2. Why does Saul's armor bearer kill himself by falling on his sword? v. 5
- 3. How do the Philistines defile the dead bodies of Saul and his sons?
- 4. How do the men of Jabesh-gilead show loyalty for Saul's deliverance?v11-13

Friday – 2 Samuel 1 LSB 450 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

- 1. How does David respond to the news of Saul & Jonathan's death? v. 11-12
- 2. The Amalekite messenger hoped for a reward, but what was his fate?v13-16
- 3. Though Saul was an enemy, why does David want him lamented? V. 17-18
- 4. How could Jonathan's love for David surpass the love of women? v. 26

Saturday – Jeremiah 38 LSB 509 – Christ Is Surely Coming

- 1. How do the king's officials respond to Jeremiah's words of judgment? v. 1-6
- 2. When Ebed-melech reports this to the king, what does he command? v.7-13 $\,$
- 3. What does king Zedekiah vow to Jeremiah? v. 15-16, 24
- 4. What does Jeremiah prophesy to the king about Jerusalem? v. 17-23

This week, memorize & meditate on Which are these?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 34

Sunday - Proverbs 4

- 1. Get wisdom in the LORD and He will crown your head with a graceful garland.
- 2. The Holy Spirit works through His Word to give faith in Christ & life John 5:24
- 3. The path of the righteous is lighted, but the wicked stumble in the dark.
- 4. The consequences of wickedness & the blessings of trust in their Savior.

Monday - 1 Samuel 25

- 1. To take 400 of his men and destroy all the males in Nabal's household.
- 2. She gives David presents, asks forgiveness, and advises against bloodshed.
- 3. He blesses Abigail for turning him from vengeance and leaves in peace.
- 4. The LORD strikes Nabal dead, and Abigail becomes David's wife.

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 26

- 1. God has given your enemy into your hand. Let me strike him dead.
- 2. David refuses to hurt the LORD's anointed, and he lets God deal with Saul.
- 3. Saul confesses his sin, repents of his pursuit of David, and blesses him.
- 4. That David's life would be precious in the LORD's sight.

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 28

- 1. Against the 2nd Commandment, Saul sought counsel from a medium.
- 2. Most likely, Saul pays homage and listens to an evil spirit or demon.
- 3. The LORD is your enemy, He's judged your disobedience, and you will die.
- 4. He fears, falls to the ground, and refuses to eat (despairs).

Thursday – 1 Samuel 31

- 1. He despairs and kills himself by falling on his own sword.
- 2. Though he wouldn't kill Saul, he'd be executed for not protecting the king.
- 3. They strip them, cut off their heads, and mount them to a city wall.
- 4. They retrieve their bodies, purify them by fire, & bury them. 1 Sam 11:5-11

Friday - 2 Samuel 1

- 1. In great sorrow, David and his men tore their clothes, wept, and fasted.
- 2. David had him executed for assisting Saul's suicide & killing God's anointed.
- 3. So that the nation honors their first king and remembers his deliverance.
- 4. Brotherly love (philia) surpassed romantic love (eros).

- 1. They cast Jeremiah into a cistern, and he sank into the mud.
- 2. He sends 30 men to rescue Jeremiah, and he stayed in the court of the guard.
- 3. Jeremiah may prophesy and speak freely to the king and he will not die, but he must keep their conversation secret from the king's officials.
- 4. If you surrender to the king of Babylon, you will live, but if you do not then you will not escape, and the city will be burned.

Sunday – Proverbs 6 LSB 791 – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

- 1. How are we like the ant who labors without external rule? v. 6-8
- 2. What are some things that the LORD hates? v. 16-19
- 3. What is a primary source for people to learn godly ways? v. 20-23
- 4. What are the consequences of adultery? v. 24-35

Mon – 2 Samuel 5 LSB 521 – Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

- 1. What was one of David's duties as Israel's anointed king? v. 2
- 2. How does David defeat the Jebusites & what does Jerusalem become?v6-10
- 3. What did David do before engaging the Philistines in battle? v. 19, 23
- 4. Who was fighting with and for David in his battles? v. 24-25

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 6 LSB 343 – Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1. After defeating the Philistines, how does David seek to worship God? v. 1-4
- 2. Why does God in His anger strike Uzzah dead? v. 6-7 (1 Chronicles 15:12-15)
- 3. How does David know the LORD's anger is abated? v. 12
- 4. How does David now bring the ark to Jerusalem with rejoicing? v. 13-19

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 7 LSB 398 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1. What does David desire to do for the LORD? v. 1-3
- 2. What will the LORD do for David instead? v. 11-12
- 3. Who will build a house for the LORD instead of David? v. 13-15
- 4. How will David's house and kingdom be established forever? v. 16

Thursday – 2 Samuel 11 LSB 562 – All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

- 1. What should David have been doing instead of lounging around the palace?
- 2. In his idleness, what sin does David commit? v. 2-5
- 3. Instead of repenting, how does David continue to sin? v. 6-27
- 4. While David sins in secret, who sees all that he does? v. 27

Friday – <u>2 Samuel 12</u> <u>LSB 616 – Baptismal Waters Cover Me</u>

- 1. How does the prophet Nathan confront David with his sin? v. 1-9
- 2. How does David react to the accusation & how does Nathan respond? v. 13
- 3. Though his sin is forgiven what are the earthly consequences? v. 10-12, 14
- 4. What comfort does David find after the death of his son? v. 23-25

Saturday – Jeremiah 39 LSB 512 – At the Name of Jesus

- 1. What prophesy of Jeremiah from the LORD comes true? v. 1-2
- 2. What judgment of God falls upon King Zedekiah of Judah? v. 6-7
- 3. What judgment of God falls upon the people? v. 9-10
- 4. How does God spare and deliver Jeremiah? v. 11-18

This week, memorize & meditate on What is the Office of the Keys?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 35

Sunday - Proverbs 6

- 1. Motivated from within by the Gospel, we labor in our vocation for others.
- 2. Lying tongue, shedding innocent blood, making wicked plans, sowing discord
- 3. The commandments and teaching of a godly father and mother.
- 4. Revenge from jealous spouses, self-destruction, dishonor, and disgrace.

Monday - 2 Samuel 5

- 1. As shepherd of the LORD's people, to lead the army of Israel in battle.
- 2. He enters through the water shaft, and it becomes the capital, city of David.
- 3. He first inquired of the LORD whether he should do so.
- 4. The LORD of hosts (army) went before David and struck down his enemies.

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 6

- 1. By bringing the ark of the covenant to the Tabernacle in Jerusalem.
- 2. Instead of an ox cart, the ark was to be carried only by Levites using poles.
- 3. God blesses the house of Obed-edom where the ark resides.
- 4. Per God's instructions with the Levites bearing it and the proper offerings.

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 7

- 1. To build a permanent house for the LORD instead of a tent/tabernacle.
- 2. The LORD will build a house for David by raising up offspring to rule after him
- 3. David's son Solomon will build the Temple in Jerusalem.
- 4. David's descendant Jesus Christ will rule at the right hand of God forever.

Thursday - 2 Samuel 11

- 1. Leading the Israelite army in battle.
- 2. He lusts, covets another man's wife, and commits adultery with Bathsheba.
- 3. He tries to cover up his sin, then has Uriah killed in battle, then takes his wife.
- 4. The LORD sees David's sin and is displeased.

Friday – 2 Samuel 12

- 1. He tells a parallel story of two men which makes David convict himself.
- 2. David confesses that he has sinned against the LORD & Nathan absolves him.
- 3. War in his family, his son would die, & another would publicly defile his wives
- 4. David knows that his son's spirit is in heaven and that when he dies, he will go to him. God also blesses David and Bathsheba with another son, Solomon.

- 1. After 1-1/2 years of siege, Babylon breaches Jerusalem and conquers it.
- 2. The king of Babylon slaughtered his sons in his sight then put out his eyes.
- 3. They are taken into exile to Babylon except for some of the poor people.
- 4. The king of Babylon commands that Jeremiah be treated well. The LORD protects Jeremiah's life from his enemies, and he remains in Judah.

Sunday – Proverbs 8 LSB 537 – Beautiful Savior

- 1. What are some virtues which wisdom cries out for us to learn? v. 4-9
- 2. What was beside God when He created earth & sea, sky & heavens? v.22-31
- 3. Who and what is the wisdom of God? (1 Corinthians 1:20-25)
- 4. What does one find when he finds this wisdom? v. 35 (John 5:24)

Mon – 2 Samuel 13 LSB 476 – Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

- 1. Amon said he loved Tamar, but what did he really feel? v. 4-19
- 2. What is the difference between lust and love?
- 3. What happened when King David failed to discipline his son Amnon? v21-29
- 4. What did King David lose for not attending to his own children?

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 14 LSB 350 – Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

- 1. What does Joab hope to do through the woman's plea to David? v. 1-23
- 2. Though David shows mercy, are he and his son reconciled? v. 24
- 3. How do the Scriptures describe Absalom's physical appearance? v. 25-26
- 4. What does Absalom desire of King David, his father? v. 32-33

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 15 LSB 341 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

- 1. What does Absalom plan by his grandeur & sympathy for justice? v. 1-6
- 2. How does Absalom's conspiracy against King David grow? v. 7-12
- 3. How does David respond to Absalom's military coup? v. 13-23
- 4. Whom does David leave behind in Jerusalem and why? v. 32-37

Thursday – 2 Samuel 16 LSB 424 – O Christ, You Walked the Road

- 1. What does Ziba, servant of Mephiboseth, grandson of Saul, do & claim?v1-3
- 2. When Shimei of Saul's house curses David, how does David respond? v. 5-12
- 3. How does David's friend and counselor Hushai help David? v. 15-19
- 4. As a consequence of David's adultery, what prophecy is fulfilled? v. 21-22

Friday – 2 Samuel 17 LSB 770 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1. What does Ahithophel advise Absalom? v. 1-4
- 2. How does Hushai confuse the counsel of Ahithophel? v. 5-14
- 3. How do the priests and their sons help David? v. 15-22
- 4. What other friends help David and his followers? v. 27-29

Saturday – <u>Lamentations 3</u> <u>LSB 779 – Come, My Soul, with Every Care</u>

- 1. What does Jeremiah lament for himself, the captives, and the exiles? v. 1-18
- 2. In what does Jeremiah hope and wait for? v. 21-26
- 3. Why does the LORD cast off, afflict, and grieve sinful man? v. 31-33
- 4. What happened when Jeremiah called on the name of the LORD? v. 55-58

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 36

Sunday - Proverbs 8

- 1. Prudence, sense, noble things, righteousness, truth, understanding
- 2. The wisdom of the LORD.
- 3. Christ and salvation through His cross is the wisdom of God.
- 4. He finds Christ and thereby finds life & the LORD's gracious favor.

Monday - 2 Samuel 13

- 1. He felt only lust, raped her, and then cast her out.
- 2. Love only takes, and love only gives.
- 3. David's son Absolom carried out his own justice and had Amnon killed.
- 4. His daughter Tamar was desolate, his son Amnon was dead, & Absolom fled

Tuesday - 2 Samuel 14

- 1. Convince David to show mercy to Absalom and reconcile with him.
- 2. No. Absalom is denied David's presence and a place in the royal court.
- 3. He was the most handsome man in Israel, without blemish, with great hair.
- 4. To be shown either justice and death or be reconciled and forgiven.

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 15

- 1. He hopes to steal the hearts of men and take the kingship from his father.
- 2. He lies to his father, sends secret messengers to declare Absalom king, and brings his father's counselor Ahithophel to his side in his rebellion.
- 3. He protects himself and his loyal followers by fleeing Jerusalem.
- 4. Zadok and Abiathar the priests and his counselor Hushai to act as spies.

Thursday - 2 Samuel 16

- 1. Ziba brings supplies for David and claims Mephiboseth expects the kingship.
- 2. David spares his life and hopes the LORD will see his misery and have mercy.
- 3. He pretends to honor Absalom and serve him while remaining loyal to David.
- 4. (2 Samuel 12:11-12) His son Absalom lies with David's concubines in public.

Friday – 2 Samuel 17

- 1. To pursue David immediately while he is weary and strike him down.
- 2. He counsels Absalom to delay and gather troops thus giving David more time
- 3. They bring intel from Hushai of Absalom's plans & warn him to cross the river
- 4. Shobi and Machir brought beds, food, & drink to strengthen their weariness.

Saturday – <u>Lamentations 3</u>

- 1. He laments the affliction and wrath God sends because of their sin & idolatry.
- 2. He hopes in the LORD's love, mercy, & faithfulness and waits for His salvation
- 3. To bring him to repentance so the LORD may show his love and compassion.
- 4. The LORD heard his plea for help and redeemed his life.

This week, memorize & meditate on Where is this written?

Sunday – Proverbs 9 LSB 408 – Come, Join in Cana's Feast

- 1. Besides wisdom, who else prepares a house and a feast for us? v. 1-6
- 2. Instead of teaching a scoffer, what is gained by teaching a wise man? v. 7-9
- 3. What is the beginning of wisdom, and what gives insight? v. 10
- 4. What does the woman Folly invite the simple and senseless to do? v. 13-

Mon – 2 Samuel 18 LSB 437 – Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

- 1. When he sent out the troops, what did David order his commanders? v. 5
- 2. What did Joab do when he found Absalom hanging by his hair in an oak? v.14
- 3. What message do Ahimaaz and the Cushite bring to David? v. 28-32
- 4. How does David respond to the news? v. 33

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 19 LSB 344 – On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1. When David grieves for Absalom, what wise counsel does Joab give? v. 5-8
- 2. While Absalom "stole the hearts" of Israel, what does David do? v. 11-14
- 3. How does David treat Shimei when he repents for cursing him? v. 18-23
- 4. How does David deal with the fact that either Ziba or Mephibosheth lied?v29

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 24 LSB 787 – The Temple Rang with Golden Coins

- 1. Who tempted David and how did he sin? (1 Chronicles 21:1) v. 1-9
- 2. After David confessed, what choice of consequences does God give? v.10-14
- 3. After 70,000 die from pestilence, how is the plague stopped? v. 15-21, 25
- 4. What will David not offer to the LORD as a sacrifice? v. 22-24

Thursday – 1 Kings 1 LSB 376 – Once in Royal David's City

- 1. How does Adonijah, like Absalom, put himself forward as king? v. 5-10
- 2. Of what do Bathsheba and the prophet Nathan remind David? v. 11-27
- 3. How does David keep his vow? v. 28-40
- 4. What does Adonijah do and how does Solomon respond? v. 49-53

Friday – 1 Kings 2 LSB 549 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- 1. What instructions does David give Solomon? v. 1-4
- 2. What other instructions does David give Solomon? v. 5-9
- 3. Why does Solomon have Adonijah killed for his request for Abishag? v.13-25
- 4. Why does Solomon have Joab and Shimei killed? v. 28-46

Saturday – Ezekiel 1 LSB 534 – Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

- 1. When and where did the Word of the LORD come to Ezekiel? v. 1-4
- 2. What creatures does Ezekiel see with four faces and four wings? v. 5-14
- 3. Where do the creatures and the throne of God on casters go? v. 15-26
- 4. Who is the one with human appearance, gleaming atop the throne? v. 26-28

This week, memorize What do you believe according to these words?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 37

Sunday - Proverbs 9

- 1. Jesus invites us to his table and a room in heaven. (John 14:2, John 6:51)
- 2. Instead of abuse, he will love you and increase in wisdom and learning.
- 3. The fear of the LORD and knowledge of the Holy One (Christ).
- 4. Eat at her paltry table of stolen water and bread in the house of the dead.

Monday - 2 Samuel 18

- 1. To deal gently with his son Absalom.
- 2. Joab thrust three javelins into Absalom's heart to kill the king's son.
- 3. The LORD has delivered David from his enemies, but his son is dead.
- 4. David wept deeply and desired that he would have died instead of Absalom.

Tuesday - 2 Samuel 19

- 1. He advises David to show gratitude to his servants for saving his family's life.
- 2. David "swayed the hearts" of the men of Judah and won their loyalty.
- 3. Though Abishai wants to kill Shimei, David forgives and vows to spare his life.
- 4. He compromises & has them divide the land rather than punishing either.

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 24

- 1. Satan tempted David to number his fighting men and take pride in his might.
- 2. 3 years of famine, 3 months pursuit by enemies, or 3 days of pestilence.
- 3. David pleas to the LORD and offers sacrifices at the threshing floor of Araunah, which becomes the sight of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- 4. David will not give offerings to the LORD which cost him nothing.

Thursday – 1 Kings 1

- 1. He paraded with a chariot and 50 men and built up a royal following.
- 2. His vow that Bathsheba's son Solomon would be king after him.
- 3. He has his officials anoint Solomon and declare him king.
- 4. Adonijah seeks refuge at the LORD's altar, and Solomon spares his life.

Friday - 1 Kings 2

- 1. Walk in God's ways and keep his statutes and you will prosper on the throne.
- 2. To use his wisdom to carry out mercy and justice upon the good and evil.
- 3. By marrying a woman of David's court, it showed his designs for the kingship.
- 4. Joab had killed former army commanders Abner and Amasa during a time of peace and sided with Adonijah. Shimei had cursed David & then broken his vow

- 1. When Ezekiel was 30, during the beginning of the exile in Babylon (593 B.C.).
- 2. Cherubim whose faces of man-lion-ox-eagle later represent the 4 evangelists
- 3. Wherever the Holy Spirit wanted showing God can be with them even in exile
- 4. The glory of the LORD, the second person of the Trinity, the Son of God.

Sunday – Proverbs 11 LSB 526 – You Are the Way; through You Alone

- 1. Though earthly riches won't buy us a place in heaven, who does? v. 4
- 2. How do the foolish differ from the wise in the use of their tongue? v. 12-13
- 3. What is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion like? v. 22
- 4. How is Christ wise, and how is He like the tree of life? v. 30

Mon – 1 Kings 3 LSB 554 – O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

- 1. Because Solomon walked in God's statutes, what did God tell him? v. 3-5
- 2. What does Solomon ask for? v. 6-11
- 3. What does the LORD give Solomon? v. 12-14
- 4. How was Solomon's wisdom in judging manifested? v. 16-28

Tuesday – 1 Kings 5 LSB 644 – The Church's One Foundation

- 1. Why could David not build a house of worship for the LORD? v. 3-5
- 2. How is Solomon wise in governing and building the temple? v. 6-12
- 3. Whom did Solomon enlist to build the temple? v. 13-16
- 4. What costly building materials did Solomon use for the temple? v. 17-18

Wednesday – 1 Kings 6 LSB 907- God Himself Is Present

- 1. What was the size of the temple which Solomon built? v. 2-6
- 2. What does the LORD promise Solomon if he walks in God's ways? v. 11-13
- 3. How was the temple adorned? v. 21-36
- 4. How long did it take Solomon to build the temple? v. 37-38

Thursday – 1 Kings 8 LSB 916 Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal

- 1. When the ark entered the Most Holy Place, what filled the temple? v. 6-11
- 2. What promise did the LORD keep to David? v. 18-21
- 3. What does Solomon pray God will do when the people sin & repent? v33-34
- 4. What is Solomon's final prayer? v. 60

Friday – 1 Kings 9 LSB 685 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1. What does the LORD promise Solomon if he keeps God's statutes? v. 4-5
- 2. What does the LORD warn if Solomon and his children do not? v. 6-9
- 3. Whom did Solomon employ for his building projects? v. 15-22
- 4. How much gold did Solomon's fleet bring back to Israel? v. 26-28

Saturday – Ezekiel 2 LSB 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

- 1. What happened when the LORD called Ezekiel and spoke to him? v. 1-2
- 2. What did the LORD call and send Ezekiel to do? v. 3-5
- 3. Though Ezekiel spoke to a rebellious people, what did God tell him? v. 6-7
- 4. What did the LORD give Ezekiel to open his mouth and eat? v. 8-10

This week, memorize & meditate on What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 38

Sunday - Proverbs 11

- 1. Christ, the righteous, who redeemed me not with gold but with His blood.
- 2. The fool belittles his neighbor and reveals secrets, but the wise stays silent.
- 3. She is like a gold ring in a pig's snout.
- 4. He captures souls of believers & gives them life through the fruit of His cross.

Monday – 1 Kings 3

- 1. Ask what I shall give you.
- 2. Not riches or long life but wisdom to govern God's people.
- 3. Not only great wisdom in governing but also riches and long life.
- 4. He discerned human nature and settled the dispute of 2 women over a child.

Tuesday - 1 Kings 5

- 1. David was busy in warfare, and God said that his son would build the temple.
- 2. He makes a treaty and establishes trade with a peaceful neighbor, Hiram.
- 3. 3,300 officers overseeing 180,000 laborers burden-bearers & stonecutters.
- 4. Great dressed stones for the foundation and cedars of Lebanon for timber.

Wednesday – 1 Kings 6

- 1. 90' long, 30' wide, 45' high with portico & side chambers on the perimeter
- 2. That God would dwell among the people of Israel and not forsake them.
- 3. With engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. All the inner walls, floors, doors, and images were overlaid with gold.
- 4. Seven years from laying the foundation to finishing the details.

Thursday – 1 Kings 8

- 1. A cloud, which was the glory of the LORD, filled the house of the LORD.
- 2. That David's son would build a house for the LORD & the ark of the covenant.
- 3. That God would hear their prayer, forgive them, and return them to the land.
- 4. That all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God.

Friday – 1 Kings 9

- 1. God would establish his royal throne over Israel forever.
- 2. God would cut off Israel from the land and the temple would become a ruin.
- 3. All the remaining peoples as slaves, but the Israelites as officials and soldiers.
- 4. 420 talents or 31,500 pounds or nearly 16 tons.

- 1. The Holy Spirit entered into him and set him on his feet.
- 2. To speak the word of the LORD to a rebellious people.
- 3. Not to be afraid of them, their words, or looks but speak $\operatorname{\mathsf{God's}}$ word to them.
- 4. A scroll of a book with words of lamentation, mourning, and woe.

Sunday – Proverbs 15 LSB 818 – In Thee Is Gladness

- 1. How do the wise speak? v. 1-2
- 2. How is it good that the eyes of the Lord are in every place? v. 3
- 3. What makes the difference in how the Lord accepts sacrifices & prayers? v.8
- 4. When can having little be better than having more? v. 16-17

Mon – 1 Kings 10 LSB 743 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure

- 1. Who traveled 1000 miles with a great retinue to visit Solomon & why? v.1-2
- 2. To whom does the queen of Sheba attribute Solomon's wisdom? v. 6-9
- 3. How does God's promise to give Solomon great wisdom come true? v. 23-24
- 4. How does God's promise to give Solomon great riches come true? v. 14-29

Tuesday – 1 Kings 11 LSB 689 – Let Me Be Thine Forever

- 1. What did Solomon's foreign wives and princesses tempt him to do? v. 1-8
- 2. Because of Solomon's idolatry, what does the LORD promise? v. 9-13
- 3. How else does the LORD discipline Solomon for his idolatry? v. 14-26
- 4. What does the prophet Ahijah promise Solomon's servant Jeroboam?v28-40

Wednesday – 1 Kings 12 LSB 765 – God Moves in a Mysterious Way

- 1. How do the old men advise Rehoboam to respond to the people's plea?v6-7
- 2. To whom does Rehoboam listen instead, and what do they advise? v. 8-15
- 3. What was the result of Rehoboam heeding foolish counsel? v. 16-20
- 4. How does Jeroboam keep the people from worship at the temple? v. 26-33

Thursday – 1 Kings 13 LSB 923 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word

- 1. What does the prophet prophesy because of Jeroboam's idolatry? v. 1-2
- 2. What was the sign that the prophecy would come true? v. 3-5
- 3. What did the LORD command the prophet concerning Jeroboam? v. 8-9
- 4. What happened when the prophet listened to the lying prophet? v. 18-24

Friday – 1 Kings 14 LSB 730 – What Is the World to Me

- 1. What does Ahijah prophesy because of Jeroboam's idolatry? v. 7-14
- 2. What does Ahijah prophesy because of the nation Israel's idolatry? v. 15-16
- 3. Under Rehoboam's rule, what did the nation of Judah do? v. 22-24
- 4. How does God discipline Rehoboam and the nation of Judah? v. 25-26

Saturday – Ezekiel 3 LSB 609 – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

- 1. What makes the scroll of God's Word either bitter or sweet to taste? v. 1-3
- 2. What does God send Ezekiel to do, and who goes with him? v. 4-15
- 3. What would happen if Ezekiel failed to warn a wicked person to repent? v.18
- 4. What would happen if Ezekiel warned a person, and he repented? v. 21

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 39

Sunday - Proverbs 15

- 1. With right content (knowledge) and also a right manner (soft answer).
- 2. His omniscience and omnipresence ensure justice for the good and the evil.
- 3. The offerings of the wicked lack faith but the upright have faith in Christ.
- 4. When one has the fear and love of the Lord instead of trouble and hate.

Monday - 1 Kings 10

- 1. The queen of Sheba (S.W. Arabia) heard of his fame & questioned his wisdom
- 2. The LORD God who set him on the throne to be king of Israel.
- 3. He excelled all other kings in wisdom & the whole earth sought to hear him.
- 4. He received 25 tons of gold a year, he had a great throne of ivory and gold, he had a fleet of trading ships, and he had 1400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen.

Tuesday – 1 Kings 11

- 1. To turn away from the LORD, build high places, and worship foreign gods
- 2. God will give the kingdom to Solomon's servant, but his son will rule 1 tribe.
- 3. God raises up Hadad, Rezon, and Jeroboam as adversaries against Solomon.
- 4. After Solomon's death, Jeroboam will rule over the ten northern tribes.

Wednesday – 1 Kings 12

- 1. To be a servant to the people and deal kindly with their request for relief.
- 2. To the young men who advise him to increase the burden upon the people.
- 3. By God's design, the 10 northern tribes rebelled & made Jeroboam their king.
- 4. He sets up 2 high places with a golden calf & enlists priests who aren't Levites

Thursday – 1 Kings 13

- 1. King Josiah would sacrifice the priests on their pagan altar. 2 Kings 23:15-16
- 2. The altar was torn down and Jeroboam's outstretched hand dried up.
- 3. The prophet was not to have fellowship with Jeroboam by eating in his house
- 4. Because the prophet disobeyed God, he was killed by a lion and was buried.

Friday - 1 Kings 14

- 1. God will cut off every male from the line of Jeroboam & remove the kingship.
- 2. God will remove them from their land & scatter them beyond the Euphrates.
- 3. They began foreign worship at high places & performed their abominations.
- 4. Shishak, king of Egypt, came and carried off all the treasures of the temple.

- 1. The Law and its condemnation are bitter, but the Gospel of salvation is sweet
- 2. The Holy Spirit lifts Ezekiel up to preach to the rebellious exiles of Israel.
- 3. The wicked person would die for his sins, but his blood would be on Ezekiel.
- 4. The righteous person would live, and so would Ezekiel.

Sunday – Proverbs 23 LSB 384 – Of the Father's Love Begotten

- 1. What is the result when you toil to acquire wealth? v. 4-5
- 2. What is the result of disciplining a child? v. 13-16
- 3. What is the result of listening to your godly father and mother? v. 22-25
- 4. What is the result of drinking too much wine and getting drunk? v. 29-35

Mon – 1 Kings 17 474 – Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1. What did Elijah prophesy because of King Ahab's evil? (1 Kings 16:30) v. 1
- 2. How did the LORD take care of Elijah during the drought? v. 3-6
- 3. After the brook dried up, how did the LORD care for Elijah? v. 8-16
- 4. What did Elijah do when the widow's son died? v. 17-22

Tuesday – 1 Kings 18 LSB 663 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

- 1. When Elijah gave a choice between God & Baal, what did the people do? v21
- 2. What happened when the prophets of Baal cried to their god? v. 26-29
- 3. What happened when Elijah prayed to the LORD? v. 36-39
- 4. What happened when Elijah prayed from the top of Mount Carmel? v. 42-45

Wednesday – 1 Kings 19 LSB 763 When Peace, like a River

- 1. What did Elijah do when Queen Jezebel threatened his life? v. 1-4
- 2. How did the LORD strengthen Elijah for his journey to Mt. Horeb? v. 5-8
- 3. When Elijah felt all alone, how did the LORD encourage him? v. 14-18
- 4. How does Elisha respond to God's call to become a prophet? v. 19-21

Thursday – 1 Kings 21 LSB 553 – O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

- 1. When King Ahab desired Naboth's vineyard, what did he do first? v. 1-2
- 2. Whan Naboth refused, how did Ahab respond? v. 3-4
- 3. How did Ahab's covetousness lead to false witness and murder? v. 5-16
- 4. How did Ahab respond to Elijah's condemnation from the LORD? v. 17-29

Friday – 1 Kings 22 LSB 433 – Glory Be to Jesus

- 1. What did the false prophets prophesy to King Ahab and Jehoshaphat? v.5-12
- 2. What did the prophet Micaiah prophesy? v. 13-17
- 3. How was the prophesy of Ahab fulfilled? v. 34-38 (1 Kings 21:19)
- 4. How did King Jehoshaphat reign over Judah? v. 41-46

Saturday – Ezekiel 18 LSB 419 – Savior, When in Dust to Thee

- 1. Instead of the child tasting what the father eats, what does God say? v. 1-20
- 2. What soul will die? v. 4, 13, 20, 24
- 3. What soul will live? v. 9, 19, 21, 30-31 (Romans 3:21-26)
- 4. In what does God not take pleasure, and what does He desire? v. 23, 32

This week, memorize What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 40

Sunday - Proverbs 23

- 1. You will see it sprout wings and fly away like an eagle toward heaven.
- 2. You will save his soul from death and give him wisdom and truth.
- 3. You will be wise, true, and understanding, and your parents will rejoice.
- 4. You will have woes, sorrow, strife, hallucinations, and lack of feeling.

Monday – 1 Kings 17

- 1. The LORD would withhold rain from the land until Elijah prayed for it.
- 2. He drank from the brook and the ravens brought him bread and meat.
- 3. The jar of flour and jug of oil of the widow would not run out until it rained.
- 4. Elijah prayed to the LORD, and God raised the son from the dead.

Tuesday – 1 Kings 18

- 1. The people refused and did not answer a word.
- 2. No one answered; no one paid attention.
- 3. The LORD sent fire from heaven to burn up the sacrifice, and the people fell on their faces and confessed, "The LORD, he is God."
- 4. The heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

Wednesday – 1 Kings 19

- 1. He despaired, fled into the wilderness, and asked the LORD to take his life.
- 2. The angel of the LORD gave him heavenly bread and water for food & drink.
- 3. God told Elijah that 7,000 still believed in the LORD and that he should anoint Jehu as the new king of Israel and Elisha to be prophet after him.
- 4. He leaves his farming life behind by sacrificing his oxen and follows Elijah.

Thursday - 1 Kings 21

- 1. Ahab offered Naboth a better vineyard for it or to buy it at a good price.
- 2. Ahab pouted, withdrew to his bedroom, and refused to eat.
- 3. Queen Jezebel had Naboth falsely accused and stoned for blasphemy.
- 4. Ahab repented and humbled himself, so the LORD delayed his disaster.

Friday – 1 Kings 22

- 1. They should fight against Syria, retake Ramoth-gilead, and be victorious.
- 2. He prophesied defeat of the armies of Israel & Judah and the death of Ahab.
- 3. Ahab was slain, and dogs licked up his blood where Naboth had been killed.
- 4. He did what was right in the eyes of God, but the people remained idolatrous

- 1. The son shall not suffer for the sins of the father and vice-versa.
- 2. The one who turns from righteousness and sins.
- 3. The one who repents, turns from sin and trusts in Christ's righteousness.
- 4. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that he repent and live.

Sunday – Proverbs 25 LSB 700 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1. What do Solomon & Jesus say about taking a high seat? v. 6-7 (Luke 14:7-11)
- 2. What do Solomon & Jesus say about going to court? v. 8-10 (Luke 12:58)
- 3. What do Solomon and Paul advise about our enemies? v. 21-22 (Rom. 12:20)
- 4. What is worse than living in a corner of the housetop? v. 24

Mon – 2 Kings 1 LSB 545 – Word of God, Come Down on Earth

- 1. To whom did Ahaziah, king of Israel, inquire about his health? v. 2
- 2. What does Elijah tell the king's messengers, and how is he dressed? v. 3-8
- 3. What happens when the king's men command Elijah to come? v. 9-12
- 4. What happens when the captain humbles himself & pleas to Elijah? v. 13-17

Tuesday – 2 Kings 2 LSB 492 – On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

- 1. What does Elisha request of Elijah before he is taken to heaven? v. 9-10
- 2. How is Elijah taken to heaven? v. 11-12
- 3. What signs does Elisha do to show the Holy Spirit rests upon him? v14,19-22
- 4. What happens when the small boys mock Elisha for being bald? v. 23-24

Wednesday – 2 Kings 4 LSB 848 – Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

- 1. How does Elisha rescue a widow and her two sons from slavery? v. 1-7
- 2. How is the Shunammite woman blessed for her hospitality to Elisha? v. 8-17
- 3. How does Elisha show mercy to the woman when her son dies? v. 18-37
- 4. What other signs does Elisha do to show he is a prophet of God? v. 38-44

Thursday – 2 Kings 5 LSB 604 – I Bind unto Myself Today

- 1. What does the Israelite servant girl tell her Syrian master Naaman? v. 2-4
- 2. How is Naaman's washing in the Jordan River like Holy Baptism? v. 10-14
- 3. How does Naaman change after his baptism in the Jordan? v. 15-19
- 4. What happened because of Gehazi's covetousness and deceit? v. 20-27

Friday – 2 Kings 6 LSB 717 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save

- 1. Why does the king of Syria seek to seize Elisha? v. 8-14
- 2. What does Elisha show his servant when surrounded by the Syrians? v. 17
- 3. How does the LORD deliver the enemies of Israel into their hands? v. 18-23
- 4. Whom does the king of Israel blame for the Syrian siege and famine? v24-33

Saturday – Ezekiel 33 LSB 614 – "As Surely as I Live," God Said

- 1. What would happen if Ezekiel failed to warn the wicked to repent? v. 7-8
- 2. What would happen if Ezekiel warned the wicked who did not repent? v. 9
- 3. "As surely as I live," God says what of those who repent? v. 11
- 4. "As surely as I live," God says what of those who do not repent? v. 27

This week, memorize How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 41

Sunday - Proverbs 25

- 1. Humble yourself with a lower seat so you may be invited up and exalted.
- 2. Don't hastily go to court but settle matters privately with your neighbor.
- 3. If you enemy is hungry & thirsty, give him food & drink to bring him to repent.
- 4. Sharing a house with a quarrelsome wife, whom Solomon foolishly wed 100's

Monday - 2 Kings 1

- 1. Not the LORD, but Baal-zebub (Lord of a fly), a god of the Philistine city Ekron.
- 2. Since you worship a false god, you will die. Garment of hair, leather belt.
- 3. God twice sent fire down from heaven to consume the captain & his 50 men.
- 4. Elijah goes with him to deliver his message personally, and the king dies.

Tuesday - 2 Kings 2

- 1. Elisha asks for a double portion of the Holy Spirit to rest upon him.
- 2. Not by dying and rising, but by ascending directly to heaven in angel chariots.
- 3. He parts the Jordan with Elijah's cloak and heals a spring with a bowl of salt.
- 4. Elisha curses them in the LORD's name, and two bears maul 42 of them.

Wednesday - 2 Kings 4

- 1. God multiplies the oil from her jar to fill many vessels, sold to pay her debts.
- 2. Since she has no son and her husband is old, God gives her a son.
- 3. Elisha travels to her home, and God raises her son from the dead.
- 4. He cleanses a pot of stew of poison and multiplies 20 loaves to feed 100 men.

Thursday - 2 Kings 5

- 1. That the prophet Elisha in Samaria would cure Naaman of his leprosy.
- 2. Like God washed Naaman's leprosy away so He washes our sins away.
- 3. He confesses the God of Israel, worships Him, and seeks His pardon.
- 4. God afflicted Gehazi with leprosy like Naaman had.

Friday – 2 Kings 6

- 1. Because Elisha could foresee & warn the king of Israel about his movements.
- 2. God opens his eyes to see the invisible heavenly host protecting them.
- 3. God strikes them blind, and Elisha leads them into the capital of Israel.
- 4. The LORD and his prophet Elisha whom he vows to decapitate.

- 1. The wicked would die for his iniquity, but God would blame Ezekiel.
- 2. The wicked would die for his iniquity, but God would deliver Ezekiel's soul.
- 3. "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live."
- 4. They will fall by the sword, be devoured by beasts, and die of pestilence. The LORD will make their land a desolation of waste because of their abominations.

Sunday – Proverbs 28 LSB 602 – The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

- 1. What is the advantage of having a man of wisdom in office? v. 2
- 2. What's different between those who forsake the law & those who don't? v.4
- 3. What happens when one gathers wealth for himself? v. 8 (Luke 12:15-20)
- 4. Instead of concealing transgressions, what should we do? v. 13

Mon – 2 Kings 7 LSB 895 – Now Thank We All Our God

- 1. What does Elisha prophesy concerning the siege and resulting famine? v. 1
- 2. Why did the Syrians end their siege of Samaria and flee? v. 5-7
- 3. Instead of plundering spoils for themselves, what do the lepers do? v. 8-10
- 4. What happened to the captain who disbelieved Elisha's prophecy? v. 17-20

Tuesday – 2 Kings 9 LSB 905 – Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1. What does the prophet anoint the Commander Jehu to be and do? v. 1-10
- 2. What does Jehu do to Joram, king of Israel and son of Ahab? v. 21-26
- 3. What does Jehu do to Jezebel, queen of Israel and wife of Ahab? v. 30-33
- 4. What happens to Jezebel's body? v. 34-37

Wednesday – 2 Kings 11 LSB 370 – What Child Is This

- 1. What does Athaliah do after Jehu assassinates her son king Ahaziah? v. 1
- 2. What does Jehosheba, daughter of Joram and sister of Ahaziah, do? v. 2-3
- 3. What does the faithful priest Jehoiada do in the seventh year? v. 4-12
- 4. What happens to Athaliah, the house of Baal, and its priest? v. 15-18

Thursday – 2 Kings 12 LSB 783 – Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1. Why does king Jehoash (Joash) do what is right in the eyes of the LORD? v. 2
- 2. What does king Jehoash command the priests? v. 4-5
- 3. When the priests fail to repair the temple, what does Jehoash do? v. 6-15
- 4. What does Jehoash do to keep the king of Syria from attacking? v. 17-18

Friday – 2 Kings 14 LSB 920 – Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

- 1. How was king Amaziah of Judah like and not like his forefathers? v. 3
- 2. How did king Amaziah show proper justice? v. 5-6
- 3. What are the consequences of Amaziah seeking war against Israel? v. 8-14
- 4. What prophet prophesied in the reign of Jeroboam II, king of Israel? v. 25

Saturday – Ezekiel 34 LSB 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1. What does God say to His people's shepherds who feed themselves? v. 1-10
- 2. Who will shepherd God's people instead? v. 11-16
- 3. Besides judging the shepherds, whom else does God judge? v. 17-22
- 4. Who is the servant David whom the LORD will put over His flock? v. 23-24

This week, memorize & meditate on Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 42

Sunday - Proverbs 28

- 1. Instead of rapid turnover of rulers, there is long standing stability for the land
- 2. The forsakers praise the wicked, but the righteous strive against them.
- 3. The wealth ends up going to one who will be generous to those in need.
- 4. Confess and forsake our sins and receive God's mercy through Christ.

Monday - 2 Kings 7

- 1. On the next day there would be an abundance of food sold at cheap prices.
- 2. The LORD made them hear the sound of a great army so they fled their camp.
- 3. They reported the good news to the king so that all might share the blessing.
- 4. He did not share the blessing of food but was trampled at the city gate.

Tuesday - 2 Kings 9

- 1. He anoints Jehu to be king over Israel to judge Ahab's house and kill Jezebel.
- 2. Jehu assassinates Joram & dumps his body on the plot of Naboth's vineyard.
- 3. He commands servants to throw her out a window, and horses trample her.
- 4. As the prophet prophesied, her corpse was eaten by dogs.

Wednesday - 2 Kings 11

- 1. Athaliah destroyed all the royal family so that she could reign over Judah.
- 2. Jehosheba hides Ahaziah's son, Joash, from the evil queen for six years.
- 3. He protected Joash and crowned him as the rightful king in the temple.
- 4. The people kill Athaliah and the priest of Baal and destroy Baal's house.

Thursday - 2 Kings 12

- 1. Because Jehoiada the priest of God instructed him.
- 2. That they use the people's contributions to repair the house of the LORD.
- 3. He commands that the high priest and the king's secretary give the money to skilled workmen who make the repairs on the house of the LORD.
- 4. Jehoash pays tribute to Syria from the treasuries of his house and the temple.

Friday - 2 Kings 14

- 1. He did what was right in God's sight like his father but not as well as David.
- 2. He executed his father's assassins but not their children.
- 3. Israel defeats Judah & confiscates the treasures in the temple & king's house.
- 4. The prophet Jonah, son of Amittai, who also preached to the Ninevites.

- 1. Because they scatter the flock, God will judge and remove them as shepherds
- 2. God will be their shepherd and seek, rescue, gather, feed, and heal them.
- 3. God judges between the fat and mean sheep and the lean and week sheep.
- 4. The Lord Jesus Christ who is the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11-15)

Sunday – Proverbs 30 LSB 523 – O Word of God Incarnate

- 1. Why is Agur weary and worn out? v. 1-3
- 2. Who is the one who created the earth and came down from heaven? v. 4
- 3. How is knowledge, understanding, & wisdom of the Holy One attained? v. 5
- 4. What two extremes in life does Agur ask God to avoid? v. 7-9

Mon – Jonah 1-2 LSB 462 – All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding

- 1. Instead of obeying God to preach to Nineveh, what does Jonah do? v. 1:1-10
- 2. How are the Gentile sailors godlier than Jonah? v. 1:11-16
- 3. How does the LORD save Jonah from drowning and burial in the sea? v. 1:17
- 4. What does Jonah pray from the fish's belly, and what does God do? v.2:1-10

Tuesday – Jonah 3-4 LSB 571 – God Loved the World So That He Gave

- 1. What was Jonah's brief sermon of Law only? v. 3:4
- 2. How is the Gentile king's sermon better, and what is the final result? 3:5-10
- 3. Why is Jonah upset with the result, and why did he first flee his duty? 4:1-3
- 4. What is God's point with the worm and the withered plant? v. 4:6-11

Wednesday – 2 Kings 17 LSB 839 – O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1. Why did the Assyrian king imprison Hosea of Israel & besiege Samaria? v1-5
- 2. Why does the king of Assyria exile the northern kingdom of Israel? v. 6-23
- 3. How did the king of Assyria continue to exert control over the land? v. 24-28
- 4. How was the religion of the Samaritans syncretistic? v. 29-41

Thursday – 2 Kings 18 LSB 694 – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

- 1. How was Hezekiah, king of Judah, different than the other kings? v. 3-8
- 2. How does Hezekiah seek to appease the king of Assyria? v. 13-16
- 3. What does the spokesman of Assyria warn the officials of Hezekiah? v.19-25
- 4. How does the spokesman of Assyria tempt the people on the wall? v. 28-35

Friday – 2 Kings 19 LSB 965 – God Bless Our Native Land

- 1. How does Hezekiah respond to Assyria's threats? v. 1-4
- 2. What does Hezekiah do with the king of Assyria's threatening letter? v14-19
- 3. What does Isaiah prophesy of the king of Assyria for mocking God? v. 21-34 $\,$
- 4. How did the LORD save Israel and judge the king of Assyria? v. 35-37

Saturday – Ezekiel 37 LSB 478 – The Day of Resurrection

- 1. What are the dry bones which the LORD shows Ezekiel in the valley? v.1-2,11
- 2. How can these dry bones rise from the grave and live again? v. 3-10
- 3. What does this vision symbolize? v. 12-14
- 4. Who is the servant, king, & shepherd David who will dwell with us? v. 24-27

This week, memorize & meditate on <u>Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer</u>

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 43

Sunday - Proverbs 30

- 1. Because of his human reason's inability to attain knowledge of the Holy One.
- 2. God the Father Almighty and His Son, Jesus Christ.
- 3. Through the Word of God which is always true.
- 4. Poverty that steals and profanes God or riches that is so full it denies God.

Monday - Jonah 1-2

- 1. He flees from his duty & the LORD and boards a ship in the opposite direction
- 2. They seek to save Jonah's life, plead for God's mercy, & sacrifice to the LORD.
- 3. God sends a great fish to swallow Jonah for 3 days. (Matthew 12:38-41)
- 4. He repents & trusts in God's salvation. God has the fish vomit him on land.

Tuesday - Jonah 3-4

- 1. "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"
- 2. The king preaches repentance, turning from evil and hope in God's mercy. The people believed God & repented, so God relented & did not bring disaster.
- 3. He wanted God to judge Nineveh, but he knew God was gracious & merciful.
- 4. As Jonah pitied a small plant, God pitied large Nineveh. God's grace is for all.

Wednesday - 2 Kings 17

- 1. King Hosea sought an alliance with Egypt and refused to pay Assyria tribute.
- 2. Because of Israel's idolatry and refusal to repent at the word of the prophets.
- 3. He repopulated Samari with people from other lands and gods.
- 4. It mixed the religion of the Jews with the religion of false gods.

Thursday - 2 Kings 18

- 1. He did what was right in God's sight & tore down idolatrous altars & images.
- 2. Hezekiah apologizes and pays him tribute from the royal & temple treasury.
- 3. Don't trust in alliances or Hezekiah, because the LORD desires their defeat.
- 4. He tells them not to trust in Hezekiah or the LORD for deliverance, but if they surrender, the king of Assyria will spare their lives & take them to a better land.

Friday – 2 Kings 19

- 1. Hezekiah repents & seeks intercession with God through Isaiah the prophet.
- 2. He prayed to the LORD for His salvation that all may know Him as God alone.
- 3. The king of Assyria will not enter Jerusalem, but God will take him home.
- 4. The angel of the LORD slew 185,00 soldiers & Assyria's king was assassinated.

- 1. The House of Israel who are in exile in Babylon.
- 2. The prophecy of the Word of the LORD and the enlivening of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. The rising and return of Israel to the Promised Land and our rising to heaven.
- 4. The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David and Son of God, prince of His people.

Sunday - Proverbs 31 LSB 374 - Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

- 1. Where did King Lemuel learn this proverb? v. 1
- 2. What are kings to use their mouth for? v. 4-9
- 3. What is more precious than jewels for any man? v. 10-12, 15, 20, 27, 30
- 4. What are her husband and children to do for her? v. 28

Mon – 2 Kings 20 LSB 623 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- 1. When the LORD tells Hezekiah he will die, what does he pray? v. 1-7
- 2. What did Hezekiah do during those 15 years which displeased God? v. 12-15
- 3. What was the consequence of Hezekiah's pride & hopes of alliance? v.16-18
- 4. What else happened in the last 15 years of his life that was bad? cp. 21:1-9

Tuesday – 2 Kings 22 LSB 570 – Just as I Am, without One Plea

- 1. How was Josiah different from his forefathers Amon & Manasseh? v. 1-2
- 2. What did Josiah tell the high priest Hilkiah concerning God's house? v. 3-7
- 3. What did Hilkiah find in the Temple and what was the result? v. 8-13
- 4. What did God tell Josiah would happen because of the nation's evil? v.16-20

Wednesday – 2 Kings23 LSB 354 – Arise, O Christian People

- 1. How did Josiah reform the land and what initiated it? v. 1-14
- 2. How was the prophecy of 1 Kings 13:1-2 fulfilled? v. 15-20
- 3. Besides purging false worship, what true worship did Josiah restore? v.21-23
- 4. Despite Josiah's reforms, what direction did the kingdom take? v26-27,32,37

Thursday – 2 Kings 24 LSB 966 – Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1. When Jehoiakim rebelled against Babylon, what did the LORD do? v. 1-2
- 2. Why did the LORD do this? v. 3-4
- 3. When Jehoiachin surrenders, what does the king of Babylon do? v. 10-17
- 4. What does Zedekiah, vassal of Babylon, do to bring destruction? v. 18-20

Friday – 2 Kings 25 LSB 444 – No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet

- 1. How was Zedekiah punished for rebelling against God and Babylon? v. 1-7
- 2. How did the people suffer for rebelling against God by their idolatry? v. 8-12
- 3. What did Babylon's official Gedaliah tell the remaining people? v. 24
- 4. What happened when Ishmael killed Babylon's appointed governor? v.25-26

Saturday – Hosea 6 LSB 708 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

- 1. When does Hosea write and to whom?
- 2. What does Hosea exhort Israel to do? v. 1-3
- 3. What does the LORD and Jesus (Matthew 9:13) desire of His people? v. 6
- 4. What does the LORD see instead? v. 7-10

This week, memorize & meditate on Asking a Blessing and Returning Thanks

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament - Week 44

Sunday - Proverbs 31

- 1. From his mother.
- 2. Not to drink hard liquor but to defend the rights of the poor and destitute.
- 3. A godly wife who fears the LORD & who blesses him, his children, & the poor.
- 4. They are to rise up and call her blessed and praise her godly life.

Monday - 2 Kings 20

- 1. Hezekiah reminds God of his faithfulness, and God grants him 15 more years.
- 2. In pride he showed envoys of Babylon all the treasures & might of his realm.
- 3. The same nation he trusted to throw off Assyria would carry off his kingdom.
- 4. Hezekiah's son Manasseh was born, and he led the people away from God.

Tuesday - 2 Kings 22

- 1. He did what was right in God's eyes and walked like his forefather David.
- 2. The people's offerings were to go to honest laborers to repair the Temple.
- 3. The book of the Law which, when read, brought Josiah to repentance.
- 4. God would judge the nation, but Josiah would be spared for repenting.

Wednesday - 2 Kings23

- 1. After reading God's Word to the people, Josiah purged the land of idolatry.
- 2. Josiah sacrificed and burned the bones of the false priests on the high places.
- 3. The people kept the Passover as the LORD commanded.
- 4. Josiah's sons did evil in God's sight, and God did not relent of His anger.

Thursday - 2 Kings 24

- 1. The LORD sent bands of other nations to destroy Judah.
- 2. Because of the sins of Manasseh of idolatry and shedding innocent blood.
- 3. Nebuchadnezzar carried off to Babylon all the treasures of the Temple, the educated officials, men of valor, and skilled craftsmen, leaving the poor behind.
- 4. He did what was evil in God's sight and rebelled against Babylon.

Friday – 2 Kings 25

- 1. The king of Babylon killed his sons before his eyes, then put out his eyes.
- 2. Babylon broke down the walls and burned Jerusalem, plundered the Temple and burned it, carried the people into exile, and executed the chief priests.
- 3. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon and it will be well with you.
- 4. The remaining people fled back to Egypt, the land of their former slavery.

Saturday - Hosea 6

- 1. Hosea writes to the kingdom of Israel just before it falls to Assyria in 722B.C.
- 2. Return to the LORD so that He may heal, bind up, revive, and raise them up.
- 3. Not hypocritical worship but true knowledge and love of God shown in mercy
- 4. Faithless transgressors of His Law, evildoers, robbers, whoredom after idols.

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 1 LSE

LSB 801 - How Great Thou Art

- 1. Who is the son of David, king of Jerusalem, who writes Ecclesiastes? v. 1
- 2. What does Solomon mean that "All is vanity"? v. 2-8
- 3. What does it mean that there is nothing new under the sun? v. 9-11
- 4. What else does Solomon finally conclude is also vanity? v. 12-18

Mon – Daniel 1 LSB 409 – Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

- 1. How did God judge the nation of Judah for their idolatry? v. 1-2
- 2. How was God merciful to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah? v. 3-7
- 3. How does God reward their faithfulness to abstain from unclean food?v8-16
- 4. How else did God bless these four godly youths? v. 17-21

Tuesday – Daniel 2 LSB 397 – As with Gladness Men of Old

- 1. How do the king's wisemen respond to his command to tell his dream?v1-11
- 2. How is Daniel able to know and interpret the dream? v. 17-30
- 3. What do the image of gold/silver/bronze/iron & the stone mean? v. 31-45
- 4. Where did the magi or wisemen from the east most likely hear of Christ?

Wednesday – <u>Daniel 3</u> <u>LSB 725 – Children of the Heavenly Father</u>

- 1. What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to do? v. 1-12
- 2. When threatened to be cast into the furnace, how did they reply? v. 13-18
- 3. Who is the fourth man like a son of the gods who protected them? v. 24-25
- 4. What did the king of Babylon do when he saw they were unharmed? v26-30

Thursday – Daniel 4 LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God

- 1. How does Daniel interpret the king's dream of the tree and stump? v. 19-26
- 2. What does Daniel advise the king to do? v. 27
- 3. What happens when the king boasts of his mighty power and city? v. 28-33
- 4. What happened after God humbled the king? v. 34-36 $\,$

Friday – <u>Daniel 5</u> <u>LSB 383 – A Great and Mighty Wonder</u>

- 1. How did the King of Babylon and his court incite God's anger? v. 1-4
- 2. What startled the king, made his knees knock, & baffled his wisemen? v. 5-9
- 3. How does David interpret the words? v. 24-28
- 4. How does the prophecy come true? v. 30

Saturday – Joel 2 LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

- 1. Because of their sin, what judgment is God bringing on Judah? v. 1-11 & 1:4
- 2. What does the prophet Joel admonish the people to do? v. 12-13
- 3. How does the LORD show pity and mercy upon Judah? v. 25-27
- 4. When does God pour out His Spirit on all flesh? v. 28-29

This week meditate on <u>Table of Duties: Pastors and Hearers</u>

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 45

Sunday - Ecclesiastes 1

- 1. King Solomon whom God endowed with great wisdom. (1 Kings 4:29-34)
- 2. Vanity is the seemingly endless loop of life searching for meaning and contentment but never finding satisfaction, at least without God.
- 3. Man indeed does nothing new, but God is constantly doing new things.
- 4. Seeking after human wisdom, apart from the wisdom of God's Word.

Monday - Daniel 1

- 1. The King of Babylon defeated them and brought them into exile in Babylon.
- 2. They were assigned to the king's house to be fed and educated for service.
- 3. After eating only vegetables (clean food), their health was better than all.
- 4. God gave them wisdom beyond all the other king's officials.

Tuesday - Daniel 2

- 1. No one could read the king's mind except the gods who don't dwell in flesh.
- 2. After praying for mercy, Daniel receives a vision from God & gives Him glory.
- 3. The kingdoms of Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greeks, and Romans will be broken to pieces by Christ, but His kingdom will remain forever.
- 4. From the prophecies of Daniel who was also a magi or wiseman of Babylon.

Wednesday - Daniel 3

- 1. Worship the gods of Babylon or bow down to the king's golden image.
- 2. God will deliver us, but even if not, we will not worship false gods and idols.
- 3. The angel of the LORD, quite possibly the Son of God.
- 4. He blessed God, praised His rescue, and promoted the faithful three men.

Thursday - Daniel 4

- 1. The mighty king of Babylon is the tree who would be cut down and humbled.
- 2. Repent of his sins, iniquities, and oppression by showing mercy.
- 3. God struck him with madness, he left his rule, and he behaved like an animal.
- 4. God restored his reason, his kingdom was reestablished, and he praised God.

Friday – <u>Daniel 5</u>

- 1. They used the sacred vessels of the Israelite's Temple to praise false gods.
- 2. The fingers of a human hand wrote on the wall an unknown message.
- 3. God is saying that the king is found wanting and his kingdom will fall to Media
- 4. That very night the king was killed, & Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

Saturday – <u>Joel 2</u>

- 1. A plague of four different kinds of locusts will devour the land.
- 2. Repent by rending their hearts and return to the LORD's grace, mercy, & love
- 3. God restores their land, dwells in their midst, and removes their shame.
- 4. On Pentecost when the apostles preach in other languages. Acts 2:1-4,14-18

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 2 LSB 789 - Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1. In what things did Solomon find pleasure and reward? v. 4-10
- 2. And yet, what did Solomon conclude about all the labor of his hands? v. 11
- 3. Why is the plight of the wise and the fool also vanity? v. 12-17
- 4. Why is labor and toil vanity apart from God and His wisdom? v. 18-26

Mon – Daniel 6 LSB 465 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1. What does King Darius intend for Daniel because of his great service? v. 1-3
- 2. What is the only way the jealous officials can bring Daniel's demise? v. 4-13
- 3. Though the king tries to save him, what is Daniel's fate? v. 14-18
- 4. Because Daniel trusts in the LORD, how does God bring justice? v. 19-24

Tuesday – <u>Daniel 7</u> <u>LSB 331 – The Advent of Our King</u>

- 1. What vision does God give to Daniel? v. 1-8
- 2. Who are the Ancient of Days and one like the son of man? v. 9-14
- 3. Who are the four beasts and the horn that speaks? v. 17-23
- 4. What does the one horn do to the saints and what happens to him? v. 24-27

Wednesday – <u>Daniel 9</u> <u>LSB 348 – The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns</u>

- 1. As Daniel endures the prophesied 70-year exile, what does he pray? v. 1-15
- 2. After confessing sin, what does Daniel pray next? v. 16-19
- 3. Because of his prayer, what does God send the angel Gabriel to do? v. 20-23
- 4. What are the 70 weeks and who is the most holy one? v. 24

Thursday – <u>Daniel 10</u> <u>LSB 380 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</u>

- 1. Who is the man w/ face like lightening, arms of bronze, & voice of multitude?
- 2. Who is the one with an appearance of a man who comforts Daniel? v. 10-19
- 3. Who are the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece? v. 13, 20
- 4. Who is the archangel or prince who fights for the nation of Israel? v21 & 12:1

Friday – Daniel 12 LSB 676 – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

- 1. In the end times, who will be delivered during the time of trouble? v. 1
- 2. What will happen on the Last Day to those who are dead and buried? v. 2
- 3. What will be the outcome of the end times & when is the Last Day? v. 8-9,13 $\,$
- 4. How are people purified and made white? v. 10 (Revelation 7:14)

Saturday – Amos 7 LSB 645 – Built on the Rock

- 1. What does Amos see a vision of? v. 7
- 2. What will the LORD measure with the plumb line? v. 8-9
- 3. How will Israel be torn down? v. 10-17
- 4. How will Israel be built up straight? (Amos 9:11-15)

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 46

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 2

- 1. In all his toil of building houses and gardens and enlarging his staff and herds.
- 2. It was all vanity and striving after wind with nothing to be gained.
- 3. They have the same fate; both die and are remembered no more.
- 4. The unbeliever labors only to pass on his stuff to a fool or one who has not earned it, while the believer finds joy in his work and the knowledge of God.

Monday - Daniel 6

- 1. He plans to set Daniel over his whole kingdom and all the other officials.
- 2. Knowing Daniel's piety, they make a law that one can only pray to the king.
- 3. Daniel is cast to the lions, and the king prays for Daniel's God to save him.
- 4. By His angel, God delivers Daniel, but his enemies are devoured by the lions.

Tuesday – Daniel 7

- 1. 4 beasts, three like a lion, bear, and leopard, and one with a horn that speaks.
- 2. God the Father gives an eternal kingdom to God the Son for all to serve Him.
- 3. Probably the kingdom of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, & Antichrist
- 4. The Antichrist wars against them, but God destroys his reign.

Wednesday - Daniel 9

- 1. In sackcloth and ashes he confesses their sins and the LORD's righteousness.
- 2. That God forgive them, not because of their righteousness, but His mercy.
- 3. To give Daniel insight and understanding and say that he is greatly loved.
- ${\bf 4.\ Traditionally,\ the\ time\ until\ Christ's\ first\ Advent\ and\ His\ everlasting\ kingdom.}$

Thursday – <u>Daniel 10</u>

- 1. Most likely the Son of God, similarly described in Revelation 1:12-16.
- 2. A good angel, like Gabriel, who was sent to speak and strengthen him.
- 3. Evil angels assigned to cause havoc in the nations of Persia and Greece.
- 4. Michael, who with his angels fights the devil and his angels. (Revelation 12:7)

Friday – Daniel 12

- 1. Believers in Christ whose names are written in God's book of life. Rev. 20:15
- 2. Believers in Christ will rise to eternal life and unbelievers to eternal death.
- 3. Daniel is told to go on with life because these things are sealed. (Matt. 24:36)
- 4. They wash their robes and make them white in the blood of Christ.

Saturday – Amos 7

- 1. God is standing beside a wall with a plumb line (tool to measure straightness)
- 2. The crookedness of Israel and its need to be torn down and rebuilt straight.
- 3. The king will die by the sword, and Israel will go into exile.
- 4. God will return them to the Promised Land & usher in the Messianic kingdom

This week meditate on <u>Table of Duties: Government and Citizens</u>

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 3 LSB 565 – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

- 1. Through all changing human times & affairs, who is always in control? v. 1-8
- 2. What is one of God's gifts to man? v. 12-13, 22
- 3. Though man and his work pass away, what endures forever? v. 14-15
- 4. What is God's judgment for man's wickedness? v. 16-20

Mon – Esther 1 LSB 904 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1. What does Queen Vashti refuse to do for King Ahasuerus of Persia? v. 10-12
- 2. What do the officials fear will happen because of her refusal? v. 13-18
- 3. What do the officials recommend to the king concerning Vashti? v. 19-20
- 4. After his own failed marriage, what edict does the king send out? v. 22

Tuesday – Esther 2 LSB 933 – My Soul Rejoices

- 1. To find a new queen, what do the officials recommend to the king? v. 1-4
- 2. What Jewish virgin is taken into the king's palace for the contest? v. 5-11
- 3. What did King Ahasuerus do when he favored Esther over all the others? v17
- 4. How did Mordecai save the king's life? v. 19-23

Wednesday – Esther 3 LSB 753 – All for Christ I Have Forsaken

- 1. What does Mordecai refuse to do? v. 1-4
- 2. What does Haman plan to do in revenge? v. 5-6
- 3. What lie does Haman tell to persuade the king to destroy the Jews? v. 8-11
- 4. What does the edict of the king command across all the land? v. 12-15

Thursday – Esther 4 LSB 715 – Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

- 1. How did Mordecai and the Jews respond to the king's edict? v. 1-3
- 2. What does Mordecai request of Esther, and how does she reply? v. 8-11
- 3. What does Mordecai say to admonish and encourage Esther? v. 13-14
- 4. How does Esther respond? v. 15-16

Friday – Esther 5 LSB 744 – Amazing Grace

- 1. What happened when Esther came before the king uninvited? v. 1-2
- 2. What does Esther request and do for the king? v. 3-8
- 3. What makes Haman glad but also angry? v. 9-13
- 4. What does Haman's wife suggest, and what does he do? v. 14

Saturday – Micah 5:1-5, 6:1-8 LSB 361 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1. From where would God's prophesied ruler and shepherd come from? v. 2-4
- 2. What would this ruler be & what did the angels sing on Christmas Eve? v. 5
- 3. What had the LORD done for His people? chapter 6:4-5
- 4. What does the LORD require of His people? chapter 6:6-8

This week meditate on Table of Duties: Husbands, Wives, Parents, Children

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 47

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 3

- 1. Our times are in the LORD's hands. (Psalm 31:14-15)
- 2. To find joy and pleasure in his work of doing good.
- 3. God's work of redemption in Christ and the work of His new creation.
- 4. Just like the beast, man dies and returns to dust.

Monday - Esther 1

- 1. She refuses to appear before the king & his drunken guests as his trophy wife
- 2. That all their wives will show contempt for their husbands.
- 3. That she be sacked and replaced so all women will honor their husbands.
- 4. That every man be master in his own household.

Tuesday – Esther 2

- 1. That there be a national beauty contest for the king to choose a new queen.
- 2. The orphaned cousin of Mordecai, named Esther, who was lovely to look at.
- 3. He set the royal crown on Esther's head & made her queen instead of Vashti.
- 4. He discovered an assassination plot and warned Esther who warned the king.

Wednesday – Esther 3

- 1. Bow down & pay homage to Haman, the Agagite and king's 2nd in command.
- 2. Destroy Mordecai and all the Jewish people.
- 3. That the Jews are lawless and that they disobey the king's laws.
- 4. That all the Jews, young and old, women and children, be plundered & killed.

Thursday - Esther 4

- 1. They repented in sackcloth & ashes & cried out to God in weeping & lament.
- 2. She should plead to the king for her people, but she is afraid to risk her life.
- 3. If she keeps silent, she may still perish. In order to deliver His people, God may have placed her in this position as queen for such a time as this.
- 4. She commands a fast and resolves to go to the king even though she perish.

Friday - Esther 5

- 1. She found favor in his sight, and he extended his golden scepter to her.
- 2. She hosts the king & Haman for a feast & requests the same for the next day.
- 3. He boasts of his favor in the king's house but resents Mordecai's disrespect.
- 4. Haman made a gallows and planned to tell the king to have Mordecai hanged

Saturday - Micah 5:1-5, 6:1-8

- 1. From the little town of Bethlehem Ephrathah, from a small clan of Judah.
- 2. Their peace. They sang to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace."
- 3. Redeemed them from slavery in Egypt and saved them from enemy curses.
- 4. Not the sacrifice of beast or child, but to be just, kind, and humble.

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 5 LSB 857 – Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

- 1. What does God desire instead of foolish sacrifices and much talk? v. 1-3
- 2. What is ironic about those who love money and wealth? v. 10-12
- 3. What is the same about how a man enters and leaves life? v. 13-17
- 4. What is one of the gifts of God? v. 18-20

Mon – Esther 6 LSB 442 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- 1. What does the king discover from reading the historical records? v. 1-3
- 2. What does Haman come to speak to the king about? v. 4-5
- 3. What does Haman advise the king do for the man he delights to honor?v6-9
- 4. How is Haman humiliated and Mordecai exalted? v. 10-12

Tuesday – Esther 7 528 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1. When the king offers Esther half his kingdom, what does she request? v. 1-4
- 2. What does Queen Esther reveal to the king? v. 5-6
- 3. How does Haman seal his doom? v. 7-8
- 4. What is ironic about Haman's death? v. 9-10

Wednesday – Esther 8 LSB 555 – Salvation unto Us Has Come v. 1-6

- 1. After Haman's death, what does Mordecai receive from the king? v. 1-2
- 2. What does Esther plead be done for her people? v. 3-6
- 3. Since the king's edict cannot be revoked, what does he allow instead? v7-14
- 4. In place of sackcloth, ashes, and weeping, what do the Jews have? v. 15-17

Thursday – Esther 9 LSB 480 – He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1. When the Jews' enemies were to attack them, what happened instead?v1-2
- 2. Who else helped the Jews and why? v. 3-4
- 3. Though the Jews killed their enemies, what did they not do? v. 10, 15
- 4. Why was the yearly celebration of the Jews' victory called Purim? v. 24-26 $\,$

Friday – Esther 10 LSB 483 - With High Delight Let Us Unite

- 1. Though the accounts of Mordecai and Esther have not been recovered in the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia, where have they been preserved?
- 2. Though the name of God is never mentioned in Esther, what can we see?
- 3. What festivals do we have in our Church to celebrate God's deliverance?

Saturday – Habakkuk 1:1-6, 2:1-4 LSB 587 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

- 1. What is the prophet Habakkuk's complaint? v. 1:1-4
- 2. What does God plan in answer to his prayer? v. 1:5-6
- 3. The arrogant man is judged unrighteous but how shall the righteous live? 2:4
- 4. How is the righteousness of God revealed? (Romans 1:16-17)

This week meditate on <u>Table of Duties: Workers, Employers, Youth, Everyone</u>

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 48

Sunday – <u>Ecclesiastes 5</u>

- 1. That you draw near to listen to God's Word so your words will be wise & few.
- 2. They are never satisfied with their money & income but want more & more.
- 3. He comes into this life with nothing, and he leaves with nothing.
- 4. To be able to recognize the lot God has given him and rejoice in his work.

Monday – Esther 6

- 1. That nothing had been done to honor Mordecai for saving the king.
- 2. To have Mordecai hanged on the gallows.
- 3. That the man be dressed in the king's robes and paraded on the king's mount
- 4. Haman leads Mordecai through the city on the king's horse as his herald.

Tuesday – Esther 7

- 1. Esther pleads that the king save her life and the lives of her people.
- 2. She implicates the wicked Haman as her enemy.
- 3. In begging for his life, Haman falls upon the queen to the ire of the king.
- 4. Haman is hanged on the same gallows he prepared for Mordecai.

Wednesday – Esther 8

- 1. Mordecai is set over Haman's house, and he receives the king's signet ring.
- 2. That the king revoke his edict that the Jewish people be killed and plundered.
- 3. A 2nd edict allows the Jews to defend themselves and plunder any attackers.
- 4. They rejoiced and had light, gladness, joy, honor, a feast, and a holiday.

Thursday – Esther 9

- 1. The Jews gained mastery over all those who hated them and defeated them.
- 2. All the officials of the provinces because they feared Mordecai and his power
- 3. They did not plunder their enemies' property or possessions.
- 4. Because Haman had cast Pur (cast lots) for the day he would destroy the Jews, but on that same day the reverse happened. (Esther 3:7)

Friday - Esther 10

- 1. In the Bible, the Old Testament writings of the Jewish prophets.
- 2. We see God acting throughout the book to place Esther and Mordecai in positions which He uses to save His people.
- 3. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Reformation

Saturday – <u>Habakkuk 1:1-6, 2:1-4</u>

- 1. He cries out to God for justice against the unjust policies of king Jehoiakim
- 2. The LORD will raise up the Chaldeans (Babylonians) to justly punish Judah.
- 3. By faith in the LORD's promises.
- 4. In the Gospel of Jesus Christ whereby all who believe in Him are declared righteous by God.

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 6 712 – Seek Ye First

- 1. What does Solomon see as a great evil under the sun? v. 1-2
- 2. Why is a man with many years and children still unsatisfied? v. 3-6
- 3. What other vanity does Solomon see? v. 7-9
- 4. Who alone knows what is good for man and what will be? v. 10-12

Mon – Ezra 1 LSB 813 – Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

- 1. What did Cyrus, King of Persia, declare? v. 2-4
- 2. Who prophesied of Cyrus and his decree? v. 1
- 3. Who went back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple? v. 5
- 4. How else did Cyrus help the Israelites' cause? v. 7-11

Tuesday – Ezra 3 LSB 519 – In His Temple Now Behold Him

- 1. Who were the Israelite leaders who began rebuilding the Temple? v. 1-2
- 2. What was the first thing the people did and practiced? v. 3-7
- 3. What did the people do at the groundbreaking for the new Temple? v. 8-11
- 4. Why did some of the older people weep at the ceremony? v. 12-13

Wednesday – Ezra 7 LSB 648 – Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

- 1. Who was Ezra and what had he set his heart to do? v. 1-10
- 2. What does King Artaxerxes of Persia decree? v. 11-24
- 3. What did the king also grant Ezra to do? v. 25-26
- 4. To whom does Ezra credit this miraculous good fortune of the king? v. 27-28

Thursday – Ezra 9 LSB 693 – O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

- 1. What sad news do the officials tell Ezra? v. 1-2
- 2. How does Ezra react to the news that they had repeated their mistake?v3-5
- 3. What does Ezra confess to the LORD? v. 6-9
- 4. What else does Ezra confess? v. 10-15

Friday – Ezra 10:1-17 LSB 514 – The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

- 1. What do the assembly of former exiles confess? v. 1-2
- 2. What do they propose? v. 3-5
- 3. According to Ezra's word, what do they agree to do? v. 9-17
- 4. What does St. Paul recommend about marriage? 2 Cor. 6:14, 1 Cor. 7:12-16

Saturday – Zephaniah 3 LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1. What woes does Zephaniah speak against Jerusalem and the nations? v. 1-8
- 2. What does the LORD promise to do? v. 9-13
- 3. Why do the people of God rejoice? v. 14-16
- 4. How is the LORD in their midst to save them? v. 17

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Sunday – Ecclesiastes 6

- 1. God gives a man great wealth, but he will not enjoy them apart from God.
- 2. If he has no faith in God and His salvation, his life is no better than a stillborn.
- 3. All man's labor for his daily bread brings not contentment but covetousness.
- 4. Only the LORD who is gracious and desires man's welfare and salvation.

Monday – Ezra 1

- 1. That the LORD charged him to free the Israelite exiles to rebuild the Temple.
- 2. Isaiah (Isaiah 44:27-28) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:10-14).
- 3. The heads of the houses of Judah and Benjamin and priests and the Levites.
- 4. He returned all the vessels of the Temple taken by Nebuchadnezzar.

Tuesday – Ezra 3

- 1. The priest Jeshua (later high priest) and layman Zerubbabel (later governor).
- 2. They setup the altar and reinstituted the sacrifices and worship festivals.
- 3. After laying the foundation, they celebrated with praise to the LORD.
- 4. They remembered the glory of the former Temple of Solomon.

Wednesday – Ezra 7

- 1. A descendant of Aaron, a scribe who studied the Law to do it and teach it.
- 2. That Ezra and any of the Israelites who wish may return to Jerusalem with much wealth from the king for the house and worship of the God of heaven.
- 3. To appoint magistrates and judges who know the Laws of God.
- 4. Ezra blesses the LORD who put such thoughts into the heart of the king.

Thursday – Ezra 9

- 1. That the people, their leaders, and Levites had intermarried with pagans.
- 2. Ezra fasts, tears his clothes, pulls out his hair, and prays to God.
- 3. Their past iniquities and due punishment of exile, but the LORD's deliverance
- 4. Their return to their old iniquities, their guilt, and the LORD's right to anger.

Friday - Ezra 10:1-17

- 1. That they have broken faith with God and married foreign women.
- 2. To make a covenant with God to put away their foreign wives and children.
- 3. They separate themselves from the people of the land & their foreign wives.
- 4. Not to be yoked to unbelievers, but also not to seek a divorce once married.

Saturday – Zephaniah 3

- 1. They do not accept correction or trust the LORD so He will pour out His anger.
- 2. He will remove the haughty but leave the humble who seek refuge in God.
- 3. The LORD has taken away their judgments, their enemies, and fear of evil.
- 4. The Son of God comes in the flesh to suffer, die, and take their judgment.

This week meditate on Christian Questions with Their Answers 1-7

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 7 LSB 568 – If Your Beloved Son, O God

- 1. What is it better for a man to hear? v. 5, 21
- 2. Of what is Solomon so sure? v. 20
- 3. Why is it so ironic that Solomon warns against a woman's snares? v. 26
- 4. How did God make man upright? v. 29

Mon – Nehemiah 1 LSB 738 – Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1. What sad news does the exile Nehemiah hear about his homeland? v. 3
- 2. How does Nehemiah respond? v. 4
- 3. What did Nehemiah confess before God and request? v. 5-11
- 4. What important position did Nehemiah hold? v. 11

Tuesday – Nehemiah 2 LSB 688 – "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

- 1. After 3 months of praying, what did Nehemiah request of the king? v. 4-8
- 2. What does Nehemiah do when he first arrives in Jerusalem? v. 11-16
- 3. How does Nehemiah encourage the people to rebuild the walls? v. 17-18
- 4. How do the people respond to Nehemiah's proposal? v. 18

Wednesday – Nehemiah 4 LSB 516 – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

- 1. How do the governor of Samaria & his assistant discourage the work? v. 1-3
- 2. What does Nehemiah pray in response and what was the result? v. 4-6
- 3. What threats did their enemies make & how did Nehemiah respond? v. 7-14
- 4. How did the people resume their work? v. 15-23

Thursday – Nehemiah 5 LSB 774 – Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

- 1. What outcry of the people comes to the attention of Nehemiah? v. 1-5
- 2. What is Nehemiah's charge against the officials and nobles? v. 6-11
- 3. What do the nobles and officials agree to do? v. 12-13
- 4. In this matter, how did Nehemiah lead by example? v. 14-19

Friday – Nehemiah 6 LSB 722 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

- 1. How do Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem conspire against Nehemiah? v. 1-4
- 2. When Nehemiah refuses, what do they accuse him of? v. 5-9
- 3. How does Shemaiah try to frighten Nehemiah into fleeing? v. 10-14
- 4. What happened when the Israelites finished the wall? v. 15-16

Saturday – Zechariah 9:9-17, 12:7-14 LSB 441- Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

- 1. When does our king come to us with salvation, mounted on a donkey? 9:9
- 2. How does God set prisoners free by the blood of His covenant? 9:11
- 3. When will inhabitants of Jerusalem look on the one they have pierced? 12:10
- 4. On that day, why will there be great mourning in Jerusalem? 12:11-14

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Sunday – Ecclesiastes 7

- 1. The rebuke of the wise rather than the song of fools.
- 2. There is not a righteous man on earth who never sins (except Jesus).
- 3. In his lifetime, Solomon succumbed to many foreign women and their gods.
- 4. When God created Adam and Eve, and after the Fall through faith in Jesus.

Monday - Nehemiah 1

- 1. The wall of Jerusalem and its gates are broken down in disgrace.
- 2. He wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed to God.
- 3. He confessed his people's sins, recalled God's promises, & asked God to hear.
- 4. Nehemiah was cupbearer to King Artaxerxes in the Persian capital in 445 B.C.

Tuesday – Nehemiah 2

- 1. To return to Jerusalem with the king's letters & resources to rebuild its walls.
- 2. He privately inspected the walls and took inventory of the problem.
- 3. He describes the problem, gives the solution, and tells them of God's work.
- 4. They said, "Let us rise up and build," & strengthened their hands for the work

Wednesday - Nehemiah 4

- 1. They jeered that the Israelites would never finish their feeble work.
- 2. He prayed for God to hinder their enemies, and their work was half finished.
- 3. They threatened to attack so Nehemiah armed the people and encouraged them to remember the LORD and fight for their families.
- 4. Half served as armed guards & half worked with their weapons at their side.

Thursday – Nehemiah 5

- 1. Poor families were being oppressed by the economic practice of their nobles
- 2. Like the Gentiles, they were exacting interest and foreclosing on the poor.
- 3. They agreed to halt their practice & show mercy, and they kept their promise
- 4. He did not exact the food allowance of the governor but shared with others.

Friday - Nehemiah 6

- 1. They request to meet him outside Jerusalem with intent to do him harm.
- 2. Rebellion with designs of becoming king, but Nehemiah refutes them.
- 3. He says enemies are coming to kill him, but Nehemiah will not be fooled.
- 4. Their enemies feared because they knew it was done by the help of God.

Saturday - Zechariah 9:9-17, 12:7-14

- 1. When Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. (Matthew 21:1-11)
- 2. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us his blood for forgiveness. Matt. 26:26-28
- 3. When Jesus is crucified on the cross, and his side is pierced. (John 19:34-37)
- 4. Because of the passion and death of Jesus the Christ. (Luke 23:26-27)

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 9 LSB 805 – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

- 1. What is the same event that happens to all, righteous or wicked? v. 1-3
- 2. For us with God's favor, what earthly blessings does God give us? v. 7-10
- 3. Why do we perceive that life is often unfair? v. 11-12
- 4. How does one sinner destroy much good and one righteous restore it? v. 18

Mon – Nehemiah 8 LSB 831 – "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

- 1. What did Ezra read, to whom, and for how long? v. 1-3
- 2. How did the people listen, and how did they respond? v. 3, 6
- 3. How did the Levites help the people understand? v. 7-8
- 4. When the people heard the Law & repented, what did the Levites do? v9-12

Tuesday – Nehemiah 9 LSB 953 – We All Believe in One True God

- 1. How did the people assemble, what for, and for how long? v. 1-3
- 2. What did the people confess? v. 6-15
- 3. What else did the people confess? v. 16-21
- 4. What finally did the people confess and do? v. 33-38

Wednesday – Nehemiah 12:27-47 LSB 811 – Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

- 1. How did the people celebrate the dedication of Jerusalem's wall? v. 27-30
- 2. What did Nehemiah appoint for the celebration? v. 31, 43
- 3. How did the people rejoice over the priests & Levites who ministered? v. 44
- 4. What tradition had been practiced since the days of King David? v. 46-47

Thursday – Nehemiah 13 LSB 687 – Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1. What was one of the reforms which Nehemiah enacted? v. 4-9
- 2. What was a second reform which Nehemiah enacted? v. 10-14
- 3. What was a third reform which Nehemiah enacted? v. 15-22
- 4. What was a fourth reform which Nehemiah enacted? v. 23-27

Friday – Job 1 LSB 585 – Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

- 1. Describe the man Job, his character and actions. v. 1-5
- 2. What does Satan say is the reason Job fears God? v. 9-10
- 3. What does God allow Satan to do in order to test Job? v. 12-19
- 4. How does Job respond to this great calamity? v. 20-22

Saturday – Malachi 3 LSB 892 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1. Who is the messenger who will prepare the way for the Lord? v. 1
- 2. What will the Lord Jesus do at His first coming? v. 2-4
- 3. What will the Lord Jesus do at His second coming on Judgment Day? v. 5
- 4. How do we rob God, and how may we test God? v. 8-12

This week meditate on Christian Questions with Their Answers 13-17

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Sunday – Ecclesiastes 9

- 1. Death comes to all because all have sinned. (Romans 5:12)
- 2. Bread & wine, a merry heart, bodily comforts, a spouse to love, & godly work
- 3. Because things do not go as we expect or plan; however, God knows & plans.
- 4. The sin of Adam destroyed paradise and righteousness of Christ restores it.

Monday - Nehemiah 8

- 1. God's Word, to all who could understand, for the entire morning (half a day).
- 2. They listened attentively, said "Amen," bowed their heads, and worshipped.
- 3. They read the Word of God and explained it. They preached and taught.
- 4. They comforted them with the joy of the LORD & gave them reason to rejoice

Tuesday - Nehemiah 9

- 1. Wearing sackcloth, to read God's Word for ¼ of a day, & worship ¼ of a day.
- 2. God the Creator, His promises, His deliverance, and His laws for worship.
- 3. Their forefather's sin but God's forgiveness, grace, mercy, and provision.
- 4. They confess their wickedness, repent, and renew God's covenant promises.

Wednesday - Nehemiah 12:27-47

- 1. They gathered with gladness, thanksgiving, singing, and musical instruments.
- 2. Two great choirs whose joyful singing was heard from far away.
- 3. Men were appointed to gather the tithes for their daily portion.
- 4. Daily portions were also given to music directors & singers as compensation.

Thursday – Nehemiah 13

- 1. He restored a Temple chamber for holy use by removing Tobiah's belongings.
- 2. He gathered the unpaid Levites and singers and restored their portions.
- 3. He closed the city gates to merchants on the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
- 4. He made the people swear not to allow their children to marry foreigners.

Friday – Job 1

- 1. Job was a contemporary of Abraham (2,000 B.C.). He was upright, feared God, and turned from evil. He would make sacrifices on behalf of his children.
- 2. Only because God blessed him with many possessions. (a theology of glory)
- 3. Job loses all his wealth, possessions, servants, and children.
- 4. Job humbled himself, worshipped God, and blessed the name of the Lord. He did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.

Saturday - Malachi 3

- 1. John the Baptizer (Matthew 11:1-10)
- 2. Like fire & soap, Jesus refines & purifies us of sin, making us pleasing to God.
- 3. He will judge sorcerers, adulterers, and oppressors who do not fear the LORD
- 4. When we withhold our tithe. When we give our tithe, and God blesses us.

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 12 LSB 878 – Abide with Me

- 1. What are we to remember in our youth before we become old? v. 1-6
- 2. What happens to our body and soul when we die? v. 7
- 3. What book should we uphold, and what books should we beware? v. 11-12
- 4. What is the whole duty of man? v. 13

Mon – Job 2 LSB 435 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1. After God commends Job, how does Satan accuse him? v. 3-5
- 2. How does Satan afflict Job? v. 7-8
- 3. What does Job say in answer to his wife's bitter words to curse God? v. 9-10
- 4. What do Job's three friends come to do? v. 11-13

Tuesday – Job 3 LSB 742 – For Me to Live Is Jesus

- 1. Instead of cursing God, what does Job curse? v. 1
- 2. Why does Job think it would be better if he had died at birth? v. 11-19
- 3. What is the thing that Job fears? v. 23-26
- 4. Despite Job's extreme suffering and desire for death, what does he not do?

Wednesday – Job 19 LSB 461 – I Know that My Redeemer Lives

- 1. How does Job answer when his friends blame him for his suffering? v. 1-6
- 2. Whom does Job blame for his continued suffering and disgrace? v. 7-22
- 3. Despite his suffering to which he credits God, what does Job confess? v. 25
- 4. What does Job say will happen after he dies & his skin is destroyed? v. 26-27

Thursday – Job 38 LSB 797 – Praise the Almighty

- 1. After Job guestions God and His actions, who finally answers him? v. 1
- 2. Why is Job unqualified to question God & how He works in creation? v. 2-4
- 3. What are the answers to all the rhetorical questions God gives to Job? v5-41
- 4. Besides creating us, who is the one who justifies and sanctifies us?

Friday – Job 42 LSB 392 – God Loves Me Dearly

- 1. How does Job respond to the LORD's discipline and instruction? v. 1-6
- 2. Whom does God rebuke, and who intercedes for them? v. 7-9
- 3. How was Job comforted from all his suffering and false accusations? v. 11
- 4. After Job prayed for his friends, how did the LORD restore him? 10, 12-17

Saturday – Malachi 4 LSB 515 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1. What will happen to the wicked unbelievers on Judgment Day? v. 1
- 2. What will happen to those who believe in Christ, their righteousness? v. 2-3
- 3. Before the LORD's second coming on Judgment Day, whom will He send? v.5
- 4. What will this prophet do? v. 6

This week meditate on Christian Questions with Their Answers 18-20

Answers for Daily Meditation on the Old Testament – Week 52

Sunday – Ecclesiastes 12

- 1. Our God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctified us.
- 2. Our body returns to dust and our spirit returns to God who gave it.
- 3. We trust the Bible authored by the LORD, and we critique all others.
- 4. To fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Monday - Job 2

- 1. Satan says that Job will curse God when he is afflicted in his flesh.
- 2. He struck Job all over with painful sores (boils).
- 3. "Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?"
- 4. They come to show sympathy, give comfort, and commiserate with him.

Tuesday – Job 3

- 1. He curses the day of his birth.
- 2. Then he would be at rest with the dead and free from his pain and suffering.
- 3. That he has lost God's favor and now God is hedging him in with trouble.
- 4. Job does not take his own life, but he lets God's will be done.

Wednesday – Job 19

- 1. He rebukes them for tormenting him with accusations instead of comforting him. If he has erred, God may blame and punish him but not them.
- 2. Job blames God for not answering his prayer but instead afflicting him.
- 3. Job confesses that God is his Redeemer who lives & will stand upon the earth
- 4. In his risen flesh, his eyes will see God.

Thursday – Job 38

- 1. The LORD answers Job out of the whirlwind.
- 2. Job wasn't there when God created the world & he can't understand His way
- 3. God is the one who controls the world and even the devil, not Job.
- 4. God through His Son and His Holy Spirit.

Friday - Job 42

- 1. Job confesses his ignorance, praises God, and repents in dust and ashes.
- 2. God rebukes Job's friends for not speaking right, and Job prays for them.
- 3. His brothers and sisters and friends showed him sympathy & comforted him.
- 4. The LORD gave Job twice what he had before and gave him more sons and daughters. Job lived 140 more years & enjoyed his great-great grandchildren.

Saturday - Malachi 4

- 1. They will be cast into the blazing fire of hell and burned to stubble.
- 2. They will leap like calves and tread upon the ashes of the wicked.
- 3. Elijah the prophet (John the Baptist) will come before the LORD's first coming
- 4. In the spirit & power of Elijah, he will turn people's hearts. (Matt. 11:10-14)