



DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
EASTER 5 — YEAR C

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 145

**A: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

L: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

G: his greatness no one can fathom.

L: One generation will commend your works to
another;

G: they will tell of your mighty acts.

L: The LORD upholds all those who fall

G: and lifts up all who are bowed down.

L: They eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

**G: You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living
thing.**

L: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

G: to all who call on him in truth.

L: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

G: he hears their cry and saves them.

**A: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you form the minds of your faithful
people into a single will. Make us love what you
command and desire what you promise, that among
the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever
yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord. (John 14:6 cf. NIV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Fifth Sunday of Easter: The risen Lord prepares his followers for his visible departure by giving a new command: Love one another.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

Having come from God and now preparing to return to God, Jesus gives his disciples the command to love one another. Disciples of Jesus are marked by their love for each other. For it is a reflection of the same love our now glorified Savior has for us. (This lesson can be closely linked with next week's Gospel Lesson, where "love" is expressed through obedience to Jesus' teaching.).

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 13:44-52

Even in the face of persecution, love led the apostles to boldly proclaim the message of the risen Christ. Filled with joy and the Spirit, Christ's love compels us to proclaim the same Word of Life.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 21:1-6

Jesus had told them that he was leaving. Here John gives us a picture of it, and what it will be like when we join Jesus there. St. John gives a vision of the new heaven and the new earth, the home beautifully crafted and lovingly prepared for the Bride of Christ. Here there is nothing of the old sin, death and pain. All is new for all is done.

My takeaways:

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON:
1 SAMUEL 20:12-17**

Jonathan loved David more than his own father, because David was the LORD's anointed. Though Saul fought against David, Jonathan would not. Jonathan displays selfless love for David inspired by the God of free and faithful grace. At the same time, Jonathan calls on David to show the same selfless love to this son of Saul and his children.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON:
1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13**

Lack of love negates the greatest of spiritual gifts. This lesson is often heard at weddings. But isn't it amazing that these commands of love are not meant for husbands and wives, but for brothers and sisters in the body of Christ? Love each other like this, our Lord tells us. This is a new command, love each other this way! These verses really describe Christ's love for us, and so model the love that fulfills Christ's command.

My takeaways: