



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
EASTER 7 — 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 8

**A: I will praise your name forever,
my King and my God.**

L: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in
all the earth!

G: You have set your glory above the heavens.

L: When I consider your heavens,

G: the work of your fingers,

L: what is man that you are mindful of him,

G: the Son of Man that you care for him?

L: You made him a little lower than the heavenly
beings

G: and crowned him with glory and honor.

L: You made him ruler over the works of your
hands;

G: you put everything under his feet.

**A: I will praise your name forever,
my King and my God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up
in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand.
Through your living and abiding Word, give us
hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has
gone; 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 will not leave you as orphans; I will
come to you. (John 14:18)**

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:

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Season of Easter draws to a close with a look at Jesus' High Priestly prayer. Now as then, our risen and ascended Lord Jesus prays for Spirit-inspired unity between the Father and his church. With much anticipation, we look for the coming of the Holy Spirit, confidently living a new life of faith in our ascended Lord.

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 17:20-26

Our High priest has ascended his throne to sit at the right hand of the Father and intercede for his Church. In his High Priestly Prayer Jesus prays for the future Church, for us. In everything, our High Priest prays that we might enjoy the same relationship that Father and Son have enjoyed from eternity. The redemptive work complete, the connection through water and the Word established, our High Priest seeks for us unity, knowledge and eternal glory.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 16:6-10

How richly the Lord blessed the proclamation of his Gospel in the provinces of Asia Minor. Yet, in keeping with divine will, Paul is directed by the Spirit of Jesus to take the Word of Life to the continent of Europe. With Spirit-inspired zeal Paul and companions immediately prepare to depart, eager to take the Good News to Macedonia. This is the very advancement of the Gospel for which Jesus prays in his High Priestly.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 22:12-17, 20

A final revelation of encouragement promises that the High Priest who now prays for us will come again, and soon! He will come with reward in hand to invite the faithful into the eternal city. Beyond the treacherous reach of rampant evil, there is eternal safety and providence for the redeemed, for all those who thirst. Come to the eternal waters of life. Come, Lord Jesus.

My takeaways:

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON:
ROMANS 15:14-20**

Paul glories “in Christ Jesus in his service to God.” Such has been his privilege: to carry out the priestly duty of proclaiming the Word of the Lord to the founding generations of the early Christian Church. This, the answer to Jesus’ High Priestly prayer, continues from generation to generation. Through “signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit,” salvation has come to the Gentiles, sanctifying us into offerings “acceptable to God.”

My takeaways:

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