

Weekly Study Guide

The week of October 7-13

Daily Readings

Monday	Matthew 3:1-12	Tuesday	Titus 3:3-8	Wednesday	Matthew 28:19-20
Thursday	Romans 6: 14	Friday	Acts 8:11-13	Saturday	1 Corinthians 12:12-14

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *With You Always*

Next week's readings: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus ends his great commission to us with a promise that he will be with us always, even to the end of the age. What does it mean to live in the grace of that promise? How will it shape your life?



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Group Discussion

Connect	<p>What was the most meaningful baptism experience you have ever witnessed? What made an impact on you about that event?</p>
Learn	<p>In Scripture there are several different kinds of baptism that are mentioned. John the Baptist used baptism as his primary tool to accomplish his mission of preparing hearts to look for the coming of the Messiah. Read Matthew 3:1-12</p> <p>What did John the Baptist call people to do?</p> <p>What did he say Jesus would come to do?</p> <p>Read Titus 3:3-8 What is different about this picture of baptism? What is the same?</p> <p>In his Great Commission to us in Matthew 28: 19-20 Jesus tells us that we are to make disciples; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus has commanded us.</p> <p>In the Baptism Service in the Lutheran Book of Worship, for those Christian families who baptize their children young, there are some promises that are made, that parents will “teach them to obey all that (Jesus) has commanded,” building faith on the foundation of God’s “I love you” in baptism.</p> <p>Those promises include: bringing them to the services of God’s house, teaching them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, giving them a copy of the Bible that they can read for themselves, and providing instruction in the Christian faith to help them grow in faith; “that living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ”.</p> <p>A covenant is a promise of relationship. How have these things helped you grow in your discipleship to Jesus?</p> <p>How do you grow in learning to obey all that (Jesus) commanded?</p>
Apply	<p>Have you ever celebrated the anniversary of your baptism? Even if today is not your baptismal birthday, how might you celebrate God’s faithful love for you that holds you today? How might that celebration inspire you to thankfulness and growth in your identity in Christ Jesus?</p>
Pray	<p>Please pray today for our confirmation students who just affirmed their baptismal faith this past week. Pray that they may continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus as the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives.</p>