

## NEXT STEP: STUDY &amp; SHARE

## READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

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Acts 2:22-36

John 3:1-17

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator & ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, & we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, & bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy & love, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

## SERMON TEXT- Acts 2:22-36

<sup>22</sup>You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, & signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan & foreknowledge of God, you crucified & killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, & my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. <sup>29</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died & was buried, & his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, & of that all of us are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, & having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see & hear. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'" <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord & Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

## LISTENING TO . . .

**GOD-** *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Identify the Trinitarian references in this passage & the other readings for the day. You may need to look across multiple verses, *i.e.*, Acts 2: 32-33; John 3:5-7 & 16-17
2. Consider *Hebrews 13:8, John 1:1-4, Galatians 4:4-7, Colossians 1:15-20, 25-26*, & the Creeds; how do you explain St. Peter's point v36? What word might you substitute for "made"?

**EACH OTHER-** *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. What clarity, comfort, confidence do you have knowing that the Old Testament, correctly understood, tells us about Jesus? *See Matthew 10:35-36 (Micah 7:6), 13:14-15 21:13, 42, 22:43-44, 26:31; Luke 4:16-21, 22:37, 24:25-27, 44-48; John 6:45, 12:35-43, 13:18, 15:25*; What is needed for this correct understanding? *Hint: see #4, consider King David as prophet (v30) 2 Samuel 7:12-16, 22:6, Psalms 16:8-11, 110:1, 132:11)*
4. Review the three universal creeds\* & the explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small & Large Catechisms. If you have The Lutheran Study Bible (Concordia Publishing House 2009), read "Jesus, the New Testament, & the Creeds" p1975. How do the creeds keep us interpreting the Bible correctly (*cf. Exodus 20:1-7; Deuteronomy 6:4*)? What questions do you have about the creeds? Ask your pastor. SC, LC, & creeds available [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org) \*Apostles', Nicene, Athanasian

**NEIGHBORS-** *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Building on #2, the creeds don't "explain" or "prove" the Holy Trinity but rather describe & praise the Trinity. How does this insight help you talk correctly & clearly about the connections between Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, always three persons, yet always one God?
6. Read vv37-42. St. Peter's Law (condemnation of sin) & Gospel (proclamation of forgiveness, life, & salvation) preaching cut them to the heart (v37) & led them to faith (v41); how do your words tell the Law & Gospel to your neighbors at home & work?

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