

1. How does the story of Amy Schneider illustrate our need for God's mercy?

2. "I had witnessed a foreshadowing of the Last Day." How is every death a preview of the final day?
 - **(Matthew 24:38-39)** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

 - **(1 Thessalonians 5:2)** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3. How does death reveal what we desperately seek to deny?

4. Read Matthew 15:21-28. How does the Canaanite woman teach us to pray the Kyrie?
 - **(Matthew 15:21-28)** And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

5. Luther says that the Canaanite woman "catches Christ, the Lord, in His own words." What does this demonstrate about Jesus?

6. Read The Litany in *Lutheran Service Book* (pp. 288-89). How does life in our world add intensity to our praying of this liturgical text?

7. What does the title “Lord” tell us about Jesus?

8. What does the Kyrie confess?

- **(Luke 18:13)** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’
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9. How did Luther stand “the entire worship of the medieval Church on its head”?

10. “Luther described the Divine Service as a man coming with an empty sack.” How is this illustrated in stanza 4 of Luther’s hymn on the Ten Commandments (*Lutheran Service Book* 581:4)?

- **(Hymn 581 stanza 4)**
“You shall observe the worship day
That peace may fill your home, and pray,
And put aside the work you do,
So that God may work in you.”
Have mercy, Lord!
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11. How does the “cup of blessing” sustain us when the “cup of suffering” is not taken from us?
