

**Congregation at Prayer**  
**✠ Palm Sunday ~ Sunday of the Passion ✠**

*A Guide for Daily Family Prayer  
For the Week of April 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>*

Catechesis Notes for the Week...

*[For the weeks to come, the Catechesis notes will be taken from Luther's Large Catechism, which is in our Book of Concord, Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions.]*

10] This portrays and sets forth most briefly what is the essence, will, activity, and work of God the Father. For since the Ten Commandments have taught that we are to have not more than one God, the question might be asked, What kind of a person is God? What does He do? How can we praise, or portray and describe Him, that He may be known? Now, that is taught in this and in the following article, so that the Creed is nothing else than the answer and confession of Christians arranged with respect to the First Commandment. As if you were to ask a little child: 11] My dear, what sort of a God have you? What do you know of Him? he could say: This is my God: first, the Father, who has created heaven and earth; besides this only One I regard nothing else as God; for there is no one else who could create heaven and earth.

12] But for the learned, and those who are somewhat advanced [have acquired some Scriptural knowledge], these three articles may all be expanded and divided into as many parts as there are words. But now for young scholars let it suffice to indicate the most necessary points, namely, as we have said, that this article refers to the Creation: that we emphasize the words: Creator of heaven and earth. 13] But what is the force of this, or what do you mean by these words: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker, etc.? Answer: This is what I mean and believe, that I am a creature of God; that is, that He has given and constantly preserves to me my body, soul, and life, members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on, food and drink, clothing and support, wife and children, domestics, house and home, etc. 14] Besides, He causes all creatures to serve for the uses and necessities of life sun, moon, and stars in the firmament, day and night, air, fire, water, earth, and whatever it bears and produces, birds and fishes beasts, grain, and all kinds of produce, 15] and whatever else there is of bodily and temporal goods, good government, peace, security. 16] Thus we learn from this article that none of us has of himself, nor can preserve, his life nor anything that is here enumerated or can be enumerated, however small and unimportant a thing it might be, for all is comprehended in the word Creator.

**Responsive Prayer 2 ~ Lutheran Service Book p.285**

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

**Genesis 1:1-2**

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

**The Creed**

**What is the First Article?**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**What does this mean?**

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings...

*Monday (4/14):* Exod 9:1-28; Hebrews 2:1-18

*Tuesday (4/15):* Exod 9:29-10:20; Hebrews 3:1-19

*Wednesday (4/16):* Exod 10:21-11:10; Hebrews 4:1-16

*Thursday (4/17):* Exod 12:1-28; Hebrews 5:1-14

*Friday (4/18):* Exod 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Hebrews 6:1-20

*Saturday (4/19):* Exod 13:17-4:9; Hebrews 7:1-22

*Sunday (4/20):* Exod 14:10-31; Hebrews 7:23-8:13

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm of the Week...

**Psalm 24**

Hymn of the Week... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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Looking Forward to Next Week...

*Easter ~ Acts 10:34-43*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Matthew 28:1-10*