

Congregation at Prayer
✠ Resurrection of Our Lord ✠

*A Guide for Daily Family Prayer
For the Week of April 21st to 27th*

Catechesis Notes for the Week...

[Taken from Luther's Large Catechism, which is in our Book of Concord, Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions.]

26] Here we learn to know the Second Person of the Godhead, so that we see what we have from God over and above the temporal goods aforementioned; namely, how He has completely poured forth Himself and withheld nothing from us that He has not given us. Now, this article is very rich and broad; but in order to expound it also briefly and in a childlike way we shall take up one word and sum up in that the entire article, namely (as we have said), that we may here learn how we have been redeemed; and we shall base this on these words: In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

27] If now you are asked, What do you believe in the Second Article of Jesus Christ? answer briefly: I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord. But what is it to become Lord? It is this, that He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and all evil. For before I had no Lord nor King, but was captive under the power of the devil, condemned to death, enmeshed in sin and blindness.

28] For when we had been created by God the Father, and had received from Him all manner of good, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all evil, so that we fell under His wrath and displeasure and were doomed to eternal damnation, as we had merited and deserved. 29] There was no counsel, help, or comfort until this only and eternal Son of God in His unfathomable goodness had compassion upon our misery and wretchedness, and came from heaven to help us. 30] Those tyrants and jailers, then, are all expelled now, and in their place has come Jesus Christ, Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation, and has delivered us poor lost men from the jaws of hell, has won us, made us free, and brought us again into the favor and grace of the Father, and has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection, that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

Responsive Prayer 2, Lutheran Service Book p.285

Learn-By-Heart Scripture...

Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Learn-By-Heart Catechism...

The Creed

What is the Second Article?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,
That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings...

Monday (4/21): Exod 15:1-18; Hebrews 9:1-28

Tuesday (4/22): Exod 15:19—16:12; Hebrews 10:1-18

Wednesday (4/23): Exod 16:13-35; Hebrews 10:19-39

Thursday (4/24): Exod 17:1-16; Hebrews 11:1-29

Friday (4/25): Exod 18:5-27; Hebrews 12:1-24

Saturday (4/26): Exod 19:1-25; Hebrews 13:1-21

Sunday (4/27): Exod 20:1-24; Luke 4:1-15

Prayer of the Week...

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through 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 16

Hymn of the Week... "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

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Looking Forward to Next Week...

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Acts 5:29-42

1Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31