

## 11 RECITE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM AND MEANING

### The Second Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

### What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord.

At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.

*All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.*

## 12 PRAYER BASED ON THE PORTION OF THE CATECHISM

King of glory, by Your mercy and compassion, You gave Yourself over to death on the cross to obtain everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness for me and all believers. By Your Spirit, keep me firm in this faith that I might always live under You in Your kingdom and serve You in joy and peace even as You have been raised from the dead and live and reign to all eternity. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 194]

## 13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Buff Peterson coping with pulmonary functioning
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Lisa Cash in caring for her parents, Daniel and Marion
- ⇒ For Karri Bjornstad's father, Birger Eklov, battling cancer.
- ⇒ For Pastor Dave Steffenson battling cancer.

## 14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

**When Morning Gilds the Skies** LBW 546: *stnz 1* When morning gilds the skies, My heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call: May Jesus Christ be praised! *stnz 2* When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs: May Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer Has none that can compare With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

**For May 31, The Day of Pentecost: Numbers 11:24-30** The Spirit causes Eldad and Medad to prophesy.; **Psalm 25:1-14** "Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths."; **Acts 2:1-21** The day of Pentecost; **John 17:37-39** "Whoever believes in Me ... out of his heart will flow streams of living water."



## The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 24 through May 30

**1 INVOCATION - MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAY:**  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**2 CONFESS THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER**

*Morning.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

*Evening.* We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**5 AT MEAL TIME ASK BLESSING THEN AFTERWARDS RETURN THANKS**

*Blessing before meal*

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and satisfy the needs of every living creature.” [Ps. 145:15-16]

Lord, God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Returning Thanks after meal*

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. He gives food to all creatures. He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.” [Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9-11]

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**6 PRAY THE PSALMS**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	93, 150	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-12	47, 147:13-21	96, 148	92, 149
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

**7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: John 17:11b**

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one..

**Theme of the Week:** Unity In Christ

**8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

**SUN**

Exodus 3:1-12; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 10:17-24

**MON**

Joshua 1:1-9; Ephesians 3:1-1; Matthew 8:5-17

**TUE**

1 Samuel 16:1-13a; Ephesians 3:14-21; Matthew 8:18-27

**WED**

Isaiah 4:2-6; Ephesians 4:1-16; Matthew 8:28-34

**THU**

Zechariah 4:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-32; Matthew 9:1-8

**FRI**

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Ephesians 5:1-32; Matthew 9:9-17

**SAT**

Ezekiel 36:22-27; Ephesians 6:1-24; Matthew 9:18-26

**9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK**

**The Second Article (Part 3) of the Apostles’ Creed** – As the resurrection accounts recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John demonstrate, the appearance of Jesus, raised from the dead, to his disciples would change their lives forever. It gave their lives new meaning and purpose. Jesus explained to them in Luke 24:46f, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” As Christians, we confess that our salvation and happiness rests on Jesus our Lord. He sets us free to live under His care and serve Him and our neighbors.