

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

Prayer based on the Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles' Creed - Lord Jesus Christ, my Brother and Savior, I praise You for rescuing me from sin, death, and the devil's power by Your innocent suffering and death. Thank You for Your great love and undeserved sacrifice that won me, a lost and condemned creature, to be Yours. Give me faith to trust Your reconciling work and live in the knowledge of Your salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 187]

13 IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK - INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- ⇒ For Carol Halderson coping with dementia
- ⇒ For Jessica Schoonover with a retina melanoma.
- ⇒ For Janet Sisul being cared for
- ⇒ For Sue Reget who suffered a brain aneurism
- ⇒ For Barbara Anderson with cancer.
- ⇒ For Dan Lux, Heather Roll's stepfather, recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- ⇒ For Serafina Panzo recovering from a stroke
- ⇒ For Connie Meunier with kidney stone removal

14 HYMN OF THE WEEK AND UPCOMING SUNDAY LESSONS

Have No Fear Little Flock LBW 476: *stnz 1* Have not fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock! *stnz 2* Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In his love forever; Have good cheer, little flock! *stnz 3* Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above, For he stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above! *stnz 4* Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For he stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

For August 14, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 15): **Jeremiah 23:16-29** "Do I not fill heaven and earth? ... Is not My word like fire?"; **Psalms 119:81-88** "In Your steadfast love give me life."; **Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3** "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."; **Luke 12:49-56** I have come to bring fire and division on the earth.



The Gift of Grace Lutheran Congregation at Prayer

A guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
For the Week of the 9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 7 through August 13

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

General Wk 2	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19, 150	135, 145	123, 146	15; 147:1-12	36, 147:13-	130, 148	56, 149
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 63

7 RECITE THE VERSE OF THE WEEK: Luke 12:34

“For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Theme of the Week: Jesus Christ is the Greatest Treasure of Faith

8 READ DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

SUN

Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 21:3-15; Mark 1:21-27

MON

Joshua 2:1-14; Romans 11:1-12; Matthew 25:1-13

TUE

Joshua 2:15-24; Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 25:14-30

WED

Joshua 3:1-13; Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 25:31-46

THU

Joshua 3:14-4:7; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 26:1-16

FRI

Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 26:17-25

SAT

Joshua 6:1-14; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 26:26-35

9 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10 READ INTRODUCTION TO PORTION OF CATECHISM FOR THIS WEEK

The Second Article (Part 2) of the Apostles’ Creed – In Luke 23:32-53 we read of the two criminals that were crucified with Jesus. One of the criminals railed at Jesus. But the other rebuked the first and said, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” He went on to plead that Jesus remember him when He entered his kingdom. To which Jesus replied, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Here we see most vividly how Jesus willingly suffered and died to overcome our sin. What matters is that we recognize that we are lost and justly condemned sinners and that Jesus is an innocent sufferer whose unjust death takes away our sin and consequently grants us life and salvation. As Christians, we confess that Jesus became our Lord by dying on the cross in order to rescue us from our bondage to sin, death, and the devil.