

*For the week of The Resurrection of our Lord
April 9th, through April 15th, 2023*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “He is Risen Indeed!” Easter is the oldest celebration of the Church Year. If we were to purge all other Christian celebrations from our calendar, Easter is the one we should retain. As Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins,” (15:17). Christ’s resurrection defeats death. It shows that Satan is crushed and our sins are forgiven! Without the resurrection nothing else matters. Without the resurrection, Christianity is worthless. But with the resurrection, everything matters. With the resurrection, we can hope for eternal life. It is the power and promise of Christ’s resurrection that enables us to carry on in our daily life. It is the power and promise of Christ’s resurrection that we endure under struggles and hardship. Because Christ did not rise for His own sake. He rose for our sake. He rose that we may rise and have life in Him. It is because of His resurrection that we know that one day we will, through Christ, overcome all that troubles us, assails and assaults us, and be victors with Him in eternal life. Yes, Christ is risen indeed!

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE: MARK 10:45

For even the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

PSALM 118:15-29 or the appointed daily psalms

Prayer on the Psalm

*Lord Jesus, who bled and died for our sins, and rose again triumphing over Your and our enemies, grant us to be partakers of Your victory, that we, delivered from the hand of them that hate us, may serve You without fear in time and eternity. **Amen.***

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	23, 24	26, 27	30, 32	33	35	37	39, 41	42, 43
Evening	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38	40	44

BIBLE READINGS

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Exodus 14:10-15:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18	
Monday	The Resurrection of Our Lord According to St. Matthew—Matthew 28:1-15	Proverbs 1:1-33
Tuesday	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27	Proverbs 2:1-22
Wednesday	A Living Truth, Jesus Rises—Matthew 28:1-15	Proverbs 3:1-35
Thursday	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35	Proverbs 4:1-27
Friday	Jesus Eats the Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49	Proverbs 5:1-23
Saturday	Acts 5:29-42	1 Peter 1:3-9

CATECHISM — Table of Duties—

<i>To Workers of All Kinds</i>	
Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.	First Grade+
Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.	Second Grade +
Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,	Third Grad +
Because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.	Fourth Grade +

DEVOTION OR MEDITATION

DAILY PRAYER

Select from among the following prayers as time and circumstances allow:

Prayer on the Catechism

Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect 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.**

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacrament.*
- Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Our Congregation: Joe & Deena Rogers; Joseph Rogers; Terry & Sharon Rohlfing; Timothy & Marie Roth, Levi, Nathaniel, Abigail, Shiloh; Thresa Scarberry

Baptismal Birthdays: Alexis Davis; Bryan Davis; Debra Jenkins; Barbara Kohlmeyer; Dave Piotrowsky; John Schultz; Ethan Janssen; Nathan Lee; Flint Wadkins; Kaitlyn Watkins; Noah White; Kirk Wright

Wedding Anniversaries:

The Sick: Christophor Smith; Phil Steinmeyer

Friends of our Congregation: Frankie Falls; Jon, brother of Grace Lines

Our Circuit:

St. John Lutheran Church, Aliceville; Rev. Timothy Booth

Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington; Vacant

Our District Staff and President, Rev. Justin Panzer.

Heather Williams, Business Manager

Shannon Fender, Administrative Assistant

Our Synod and President, Rev. Matthew Harrison

Our Community: City of Pomona; City of Williamsburg; USD 287

Our State and Governor, Laura Kelly

Our Nation and President, Joseph Biden

LORD'S PRAYER

MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER FROM THE CATECHISM

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

"Christ is Arisen"

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- 1 Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
- 2 Were Christ not arisen,
Then death were still our prison.
Now, with Him to life restored, We
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

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Looking Forward to "Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Service Hymns: 470 | 472 | 818 | 941 | 743 | 480 | 421 | 976

Readings: Acts 5:29-42 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen him, you love him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

