

*For the week of The Day of Pentecost
May 28th, through June 3rd, 2023*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Lutheran Confessions”

Article XVII: Christ’s Return for Judgement “Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgement and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end.” It goes on to reject teachings that say damnation lasts for only a fixed period of time as well as teachings that say Christians will come into earthly power and suppress the ungodly for a time before the end.

Article XVIII: Free Will This is an article of Lutheran Doctrine that really seems to have been lost and replaced with notions from other theologies. “Our churches teach that a person’s will has some freedom to choose civil righteousness and to do things subject to reason. It has no power, without the Holy Spirit, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness. For ‘the natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God’ (1 Corinthians 2:14). This righteousness is worked in the heart when the Holy Spirit is received through the Word.” The article then condemns teachings that say we are able, without the Holy Spirit, to love God above all things and do as He commands.

Article XIX: The Cause of Sin “Our churches teach that although God creates and preserves nature, the cause of sin is located in the will of the wicked, that is, the devil and ungodly people. Without God’s help, this will turn itself away from God, as Christ says, ‘When he lies, he speaks out of his own character’ (John 8:44).”

Article XX: Good Works This article is lengthy. It begins by declaring the Lutheran reformers were falsely accused of forbidding good works. They mention writings in which they taught about “the estates and duties in life.” They point out that Rome used to preach on works such as pilgrimages and rosaries, etc. and never preached on faith. However, since the Lutheran reformers began to teach Rome toned down preaching of the works God never commanded and started preaching on faith. However, Rome still taught salvation comes through faith and works. While an improvement, it falls short of the Scriptural testimony that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. Anyone who believes themselves to earn God’s grace, no matter how small, despise the grace Christ freely gives and seek a way to God apart from Christ. The Lutheran reformers then demonstrate salvation by grace through faith in Christ is not a new doctrine by quoting ancient church fathers.

Regarding good works, then, Lutheran reformers teach are necessary. “This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God’s will.” “The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works.” “Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God’s sight. Besides, they are in the power of the devil, who pushes human beings into various sins, ungodly opinions, and open crimes.” “Such is human weakness, without faith and without the Holy Spirit, when governed only by human strength.” “[Good works are] to be commanded all the more because it shows how we are enabled to do good works.”

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: LITURGICAL TEXT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

PSALM 25:1-15 or the appointed daily psalms

Prayer on the Psalm

O Lord, our most merciful Father in heaven, be gracious to us and forgive us our sins. Rule in our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may hate and forsake all manner of evil. Restrain our enemies who would deprive us of our salvation, and be to us, and Your whole Church on earth, a very present help in time of need. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	1, 2	5, 6	8	10	13, 14, 15	18	20, 21	23, 24
Evening	3, 4	7	9	11, 12	16, 17	19	22	25

BIBLE READINGS

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	John 7:37-39	
Monday	Mattias Is Chosen to Fill Judas's Office—Acts 1:12-26	Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12
Tuesday	The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13	Ecclesiastes 7:1-24
Wednesday	Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21	Ecclesiastes 7:25-9:6
Thursday	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36	Ecclesiastes 9:7-10:20
Friday	The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47	Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Acts 2:14a, 22-36

CATECHISM — Christian Question with Their Answers —

5. Do you hope to be saved?
Yes, that is my hope.
6. In whom then do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.
8. How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

DEVOTION OR MEDITATION

DAILY PRAYER

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

Collect of the Week

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Heidi Allan, Christophor, Zechariah; Riley Bacon; Steve & Luanne Baker; Alan & Rachel Barraza, Lena; Vinson & Carrie Barry, Adan, Austin, Zoe; Carol Bauck*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Rachel Barraza; Jan Burik; Gayle Coulson; Richard Gerdes; Lisa Davis; Avery Helget; Torybeth Daniel; Malissa Desormeaux; Kielee Entress; Glenda Johnston*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Nick & Allison Watkins*

Members of the Congregation: *John*

Friends of our Congregation: *Joshua*

Other:

Our Circuit:

Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Adam Reichart

Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia; Rev. Eddie Hosch

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 Ottawa; Ottawa University; Neosho Community College*

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.

—or—

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

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

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1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer’s mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God,
be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our
Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev’ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might
confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Looking Forward to “The Holy Trinity”

June 4 2023

Service Hymns: 906 | 507 | 953 | 923 | 618 | 825 | 700 | 649 | 686 | 801

Readings: Numbers 11:24-30 | Acts 2:1-21 | John 7:37-39

The Lord took “some of the Spirit” that was on Moses “and put it on the seventy elders” of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they “prophesied in the camp” (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the “Eighth Sunday” of Easter. When “a sound like a mighty rushing wind” and “tongues as of fire appeared” and rested on each of the 12 apostles, “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” and proclaimed “the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:2-4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in “rivers of living water” (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors “telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:11), and “everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

