

*For the week of The Holy Trinity
June 4th, through June 10th, 2023*

Catechesis Notes for the Week — “Lutheran Confessions”

Article XXI: Worship of the Saints “Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. ...But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor.”

Article XXII: Both Kinds in the Sacrament In this article the Lutheran reformers argue and give evidence from the Bible and the church fathers as to the practice of giving both the body and blood to the laity. At some point the practice was changed to only give the laity the body while reserving the blood for only the priests. Even in the time of the Reformation they did not quite know where the practice came from. However, it was clear from Scripture and the early Church that Christ gives *both* His body and blood to the people.

Article XXIII: The Marriage of Priests The Lutheran reformers argue that to deny priests marriage is contrary to both Scripture and even previous popes. They argue, along with Christ and Paul, that a contented life of singleness is a gift only God can bestow, since He created us to procreate. Therefore, forcing men without this gift of remaining chaste while single has only causes open scandal. Not only that, it is plain that in the Ancient Church priests were married men. It was only around the 1100's in Germany that “for the first time, priests were violently forced to lead a single life.” When the decree was first made, they even tore apart marriages of priests who were already married. This went against not only God's Laws, the reformers point out, but even the canon laws of Rome created by popes and councils.

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: ISAIAH 6:3B

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

PSALM 8 or the appointed daily psalms

Prayer on the Psalm

Lord Jesus, You were delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Bless and defend Your Holy Church. Endure Your Word with power, strengthen our faith, and after the suffering of this life grant us to celebrate a happy Easter, rising again to live and reign with You in all 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	Matthew 28:16-20	
Monday	Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic—Matthew 9:1-8	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
Tuesday	Matthew the Tax Collector—Matthew 9:9-13	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:11
Wednesday	A Girl Is Raised and a Woman Is Healed—Matthew 9:14-26	Song of Solomon 4:1-5:9
Thursday	Two Blind Men are Healed—Matthew 9:27-34	Song of Solomon 5:10-7:10
Friday	The Sending Out of the Twelve—Matthew 9:35-10:15	Song of Solomon 7:11-8:14
Saturday	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Romans 4:13-25

CATECHISM — Christian Question with Their Answers —

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
10. Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
11. How do you know this?
From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
12. What are the words of institution?
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DEVOTION OR MEDITATION

DAILY PRAYER

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

Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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: *Gene & Stephanie Beauchamp; Larry & Marlene Bender; Ronald & Sherri Berr; Dave & Connie Breidenbach; Olivia, Todd Browning; Fay Bryan*

Baptismal Birthdays: *Dick Williams; Jackson Dwyer; Delilah James; Gideon King*

Wedding Anniversaries: *Norman & Debra Strawder*

Members of the Congregation: *Thresa; Janet; Claire; John; Bill*

Friends of our Congregation: *Todd*

Other:

Our Circuit:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Garnett; Vacant

Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar; Vacant

Our District Staff and President, *Rev. Justin Panzer.*

Tami Lierz, Administrative Assistant

Jeffrey Maltz, LCEF

Our Synod and President, *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

Our Community: *USD 290; Life Care Center; Hope House*

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

"Holy, Holy Holy

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| <p>1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall
rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> <p>2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore
shalt be.</p> | <p>3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glo-
ry may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside
Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.</p> <p>4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in
earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</p> |
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Looking Forward to "The Second Sunday after Pentecost" ***June 11, 2023***

Service Hymns: Praise Band

Readings: Hosea 5:15-6:6 | Romans 4:13-25 | Matthew 9:9-13

In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come "not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1-2, 5). It is in this way that God "gives life to the dead," that is, through faith in Jesus, "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:17, 24-25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16-18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He "desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus' sake.

