

For the week of *The Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, through June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Catechesis Notes for the Week — The Lutheran Confessions, Article XXIV: The Mass**

The Lutheran reformers were not seeking to splinter the Church, but rather to rid her of the abuses and corruption that snuck in. This article shows their desire to maintain the wholesome, beneficial, and historic worship practices of the Church. People often say that when they walk into a Roman Catholic congregation and a Lutheran congregation they cannot tell the difference. That is because Lutherans held on to the faithful practices that were handed down from ancient times. *“Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved, except that the parts sung in Latin are interspersed here and there with German hymns.”* The hymns in the common language were used to not only teach theology, but also to about what was happening in the service. *“The people are also advised about the dignity and use of the Sacrament, about how it brings great consolation to anxious consciences, so that they too may learn to believe God and to expect and ask from Him all that is good. This worship pleases God. Such use of the Sacrament nourishes true devotion toward God. Therefore, it does not appear that the Mass is more devoutly celebrated among our adversaries than among us.”* The Reformers then continue to expose how Rome corrupted the Sacrament, such as charging fees for private Masses to gain wealth. The two falsehoods that arose saying 1. Christ’s death forgave original sin, but Mass forgives the sins we commit and 2. simply performing the Mass merits forgiveness for the living or the dead greatly increased these private Masses. This led to more and more corruption, *“and in the meantime, trust in Christ and true worship were forgotten.”* The Lutheran reformers argue, according to Scripture, *“the Mass was instituted so that those who use the Sacrament should remember, in faith, the benefits they receive through Christ and how their anxious consciences are cheered and comforted.”* And so we retain the Mass, the Service of the Sacrament, and offer it whenever the saints gather and there is a desire for it.

### **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: MATTHEW 9:13B**

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

#### **PSALM 119: 65-72 or the appointed daily psalms**

##### **Prayer on the Psalm**

*Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus, Captain of our salvation, for the goodly weapon of Your Word, with which we drive the enemy before us, and can rout thrones and potentates. Create in us a zeal for Your Word, willingly to hear and learn it, that we may always have our weapon polished and ready. Amen.*

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	42, 43	45	48	50	52, 53	54, 56	59	62, 63
Evening	44	46, 47	49	51	55	57, 58	60, 61	64, 65

## BIBLE READINGS

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13	
Monday	The Promise of Persecution—Matthew 10:16-31	Hosea 1:1-2:13
Tuesday	Confessing Christ Before Men—Matthew 10:32-11:1	Hosea 2:14-5:5
Wednesday	John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus—Matthew 11:2-19	Hosea 4:1-19
Thursday	Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith—Matthew 11:20-30	Hosea 5:1-6:11
Friday	Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath—Matthew 12:1-8	Hosea 7:1-16
Saturday	Exodus 19:2-8	Romans 5:6-15

## CATECHISM — Christian Question with Their Answers —

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*  
Yes, I believe it.
14. *What convinces you to believe this?*  
*The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.*
15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*  
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*  
First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

## DEVOTION OR MEDITATION

### DAILY PRAYER

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

#### Collect of the Week

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same 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:** *Kristen Bryan; Kurtis Bryan; Marty & Jan Burik; Kristi Burik; Kenneth & Kathleen Butel*

**Baptismal Birthdays:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:** *Tim & Susan Ahrens; Larry & Marlene Bender; Sam & Sherri Harris*

**Members of the Congregation:** *Bill Miller; Barb Kohlmeyer; Xander Daniel*

**Friends of our Congregation:** *Tom Corcoran*

**Other:**

**Our Circuit:**

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

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington; Vacant*

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

*Jim Bradshaw, Education and Youth*

*Janet Powell, Administrative Assistant*

**Our Synod and President,** *Rev. Matthew Harrison*

**Our Community:** *City of Wellsville; USD 289: City of Pomona*

**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**

**“Lord, ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”**

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| <p>1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;<br/>That, I know, could never be;<br/>For this heart would still refuse Thee<br/>Had Thy grace not chosen me.<br/>Thou hast from the sin that stained me<br/>Washed and cleansed and set me<br/>free<br/>And unto this end ordained me,<br/>That I ever live to Thee.</p> | <p>2 It was grace in Christ that called me,<br/>Taught my darkened heart and mind;<br/>Else the world had yet enthralled me,<br/>To Thy heav'nly glories blind.<br/>Now I worship none above Thee;<br/>For Thy grace alone I thirst,<br/>Knowing well that, if I love Thee,<br/>Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.</p> |
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- △ 3 Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

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**Looking Forward to “The Third Sunday after Pentecost”**

**June 18, 2023**

**Service Hymns: 834, 856, 586, 920 | Communion Hymns: 540, 424, 618, 918, 830, 561**

**Readings: Exodus 19:2-8 | Romans 5:6-15 | Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20)**

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.

