

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for Holy Week (April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>)*

### **CATECHETICAL THEME:**

#### ***The Resurrection of Our Lord***

#### **This Week's Catechetical Theme: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! This week, all our attention is centered on the resurrection of our Lord. Jesus' resurrection from the grave proclaims loud and clear what He declared with His dying breath on the cross, "It is finished." That is, sin is paid for. Death is undone. Hell is overthrown. His empty tomb shouts, "Amen" and "Yes, this is most certainly true" to Christ's victory over it all. In His resurrection we see a glimpse of our own, for that is the gift we receive in His victory. Eternal life in the resurrection is that which is ours because of our Lord's resurrection. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **The Ten Commandments & The Apostles' Creed**

#### **The Catechism:** The Resurrection of Our Lord

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Daily Readings	Catechetical Narrative	Second Reading	Psalm
Sunday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Mark 16:1-8		Psalm 75
Monday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Matthew 28:1-10	Romans 16	Psalm 76
Tuesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	1 Corinthians 1	Psalm 77

Wednesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Luke 24:1-35 (36-49)	1 Corinthians 2	Psalm 78
Thursday	The Resurrection of Our Lord John 20:1-18 (19-23)	1 Corinthians 3	Psalm 79
Friday	The Resurrection of Our Lord 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 (35-58)	1 Corinthians 4	Psalm 80
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 John 5:4-10	Psalm 81

### Questions to Discuss in the Home

**Sun:** Reflect upon today's text and sermon. **Mon – Fri:** For each day's reading, discuss the following questions: 1) How does the day's reading reveal the resurrection of our Lord? 2) What details do you notice? 3) What words are spoken? 4) Which words are spoken by the Lord? 5) What Good News is revealed for us? **Sat:** In preparation for Sunday, reflect upon today's texts.

### Memory Verse

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

### In Our Prayers this Week

**Our Church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia, Trinity Lutheran Church-Hoffman. **For Those Who are Expecting:** Corinne Bradley, Stefanie Jennings. **For Those Recovering from Surgery:** Linda Nehrt (Eddie & Verdell Hermsmeyer's niece), Barb Mueller, Pat Borgelt (father of Angie Nolte). **Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Ali Schubel (6<sup>th</sup> grader at Carlyle), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann), Elbert Brink, Eddie Hermsmeyer. **Those in Need of Healing:** Bonnie Carroll (Calvin & Jackie Yardley's niece), Carl Hanke, Carolyn Fruend, Clare Jones (granddaughter of Mike & Opal Jones). **Those Who Are Sick & Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Kathy Bookstaver (friend of Judy Kleiboeker), Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz. **Baptismal Birthdays:** Landon Albers (4/19), Ronda Zimmermann (4/22), Cathy Zimmermann (4/23). **Anniversaries:** Leonard & Pat Kleiboeker (4/19), Vernon & Carolyn Fruend (4/23).

### The Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer From the Small Catechism

**Hymn of the Week:** Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (LSB 467)