

The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for the week following
The Resurrection of Our Lord (April 9th – April 15th)*

CATECHETICAL THEME:

The Resurrection of Our Lord

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Holy Week – 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 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

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 Pharisees and Sadducees Demand Signs Matthew 16:1-8		Psalm 110

Monday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Matthew 28:1-10	Leviticus 24	Psalms 111
Tuesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	Leviticus 25	Psalms 112
Wednesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord Luke 24:1-35 (36-49)	Leviticus 26	Psalms 113
Thursday	The Resurrection of Our Lord John 20:1-18 (19-23)	Leviticus 27	Psalms 114
Friday	The Resurrection of Our Lord 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 (35-58)	Numbers 1	Psalms 115
Saturday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	1 John 5:4-10	Psalms 116

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

For Those Near Death: Don Smith (grandfather of Mandy Albers). **For Those Undergoing Medical Treatments:** Sheri Nolte, Marla Corry, Beth Jones (daughter-in-law of Mike Jones), Joe Childress (father of David Childress), Beth Mayer (niece of Mia Zimmermann). **For Those in Need of Healing:** Norman Kleiboeker, Lynn Michael, Roger & Marilyn Sullens (father & mother of Linda Reckling). **For Those Who Are Dealing with Chronic Pain:** Barb Mueller, Sam Tepe (brother of Angie Siddell), Ariana Nolte, Randy Zimmermann, Connie Schilling. **Homebound Members:** Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken. **Baptismal Birthday:** Winnie Will (4/13), Kim Eggerman (4/15). **Anniversaries:** Greg & Linda Reckling, Billie & Karen Yardley (4/13).

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

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