

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Resurrection of our Lord

April 20 – April 26, AD 2025

As at our Lord's incarnation (when the Son of God took on human flesh), so now in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection, it is good for us to give attention to the two natures of Jesus. He who died on the cross and rose from the grave is both fully man, like us, and fully God, of one substance with God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And both of these **MUST** be true for our salvation. Holy Scripture says that Jesus "had to be made like his brothers (us) in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." (Heb. 2:17-18) Jesus was human in every way you are so that He could suffer temptation with you and truly experience your heartaches and sorrows and stand before the throne of God on your behalf. Jesus is also fully, truly God because only God could live a sinless life as we ought. Only God can overthrow the power of death. Only God could be a sufficient sacrifice for our sin and bestow upon us the righteousness that brings eternal life. So let us rejoice in the truth that our Lord Jesus Christ is both our brother (true man) and our Lord (true God) and confess this boldly and confidently to all the world.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. 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.

The Apostles' Creed – The Second Article: Redemption

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.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Psalm 145:8 – *The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Psalm 43

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (LSB 450)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

① SUNDAY	JOHN 20:1-18	
② MONDAY	LUKE 24:13-35	1 PETER 1:17-25
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 24:36-49	ACTS 2:14A, 36-41
④ WEDNESDAY	JOHN 21:1-14	ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19
⑤ THURSDAY	JOHN 21:15-25	COLOSSIANS 3:1-7
⑥ FRIDAY	MARK 16:14-20	2 TIMOTHY 4:5-18
⑦ SATURDAY	EZEKIEL 37:1-14	1 JOHN 5:4-10

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Brandi Boeder (21), Matthew Thibodeaux (22), Donovan Kieser (24).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Wueller (21), Zacciah Slade (22), Reagan Gefaller (26).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Brandon and Rosa Lowery (19).
- The Micah Wildauer family as they travel.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Rush, JE Purcell, Dale Hackbart, Gloria Lawrence, Gene Obenhaus, John Gadberry, Robin Wildauer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Quasimodo Geniti, The Second Sunday after Easter – April 27, 2025

Catechism: The First Commandment

Hymns: 482, 470, 490, 618, 480, Pg 155, 475

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, 1 John 5:4-10, John 20:19-31

