

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer  
For the Week of the Feast of the Resurrection  
April 17 through April 24, 2022

**Catechesis Notes for the Week — Job’s Confession of Faith in the Resurrection**—The Prophet Job confessed his faith in Christ and in the resurrection of the body over 2000 years before the death and resurrection of Christ. The promise of salvation in Christ was the source of Job’s faith in Christ and his comfort in suffering. Faith knows by virtue of the Word of God that creates faith. Apart from the Word of God there is no knowing and there is no certainty. The word of God gives certainty to faith, and in our confession, we speak back to God what is true on the basis of His Word. In the midst of Job’s intense physical and emotional pain and suffering, he confesses his faith in ‘My Redeemer’ who would rescue him from the corruption and mortality that sin had brought upon his body. By calling his Savior ‘my Redeemer’ we are reminded of the familiar and intimate words of the Catechism’s explanation to the Second Article, ‘[Christ] has redeemed me...purchased and won me...that I may be His own and live under Him ... in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.’” Excerpt from Lutheran Catechesis Catechist Edition, p. 118a.

## 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.

## Theme: Christ Is Risen from the Dead According to the Scriptures!

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Apostles’ Creed

#### Verse: Job 19:25-26

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and He shall stand at last on the earth;  
and after my skin is destroyed,  
this I know,  
that in my flesh I shall see God.

#### Psalm 16 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

**Prayer on the Psalm:** Lord God, heavenly Father, You received the atoning sacrifice of Your Son for the sins of the whole world and, therefore, raised Him from the dead to bring salvation to us all. Grant that as He fixed His eyes upon Your good and gracious will for us, so may we forever fix our eyes upon Him. As You did not abandon His soul to Sheol, neither will You abandon us or allow us to see the corruption of eternal death. Preserve us in the hope of the resurrection and grant us the confidence of faith that we may never be shaken by sin and death, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	93	97	98	99	47	96	92	93
Evening	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114	136, 117

### Bible Readings for the Week:

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	<b>The Resurrection of Our Lord—Luke 24:1-12</b>	
Monday	<b>Easter Monday:</b> The Emmaus’ Disciples—Luke 24:13-35	1 Peter 1:17-25
Tuesday	<b>Easter Tuesday:</b> The Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:36-49	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Wednesday	<b>Easter Wednesday:</b> The Resurrection Catch—John 21:1-14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Thursday	Jesus Reinstates Peter—John 21:15-25	Colossians 3:1-7
Friday	The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-18	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 John 5:4-10

### The Catechism: The Creed— The Second Article

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...

Preschool +

<p><i>What does this mean?</i>  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,</p>	First Grade +
<p>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.</p>	Second Grade +

**Prayers: In Our Prayers at Peace and the Collects for the Week**

**In Our Prayers this Week**

**The Lord’s blessing upon the call to our Associate Pastor and Headmaster**

**Baptismal Birthdays:** Shirley Weber (4/17), Alex Carus, Landon Carus (4/18), Bennet Kütemeier (4/20), Christine Hardenbrook (4/21), Jim Frerking, Rev. Gary Gehlbach, Jason Hoffmann (4/23).

**The Sick:** John Paul Beine, in critical condition after a fall; Gary Lavann, recovering from bladder cancer surgery (father of Cheryl Gretzinger); Jan Wollin recovering from surgery; Rev. Dan McMiller, receiving diagnostic tests; Christy Schmidt-recovering-minor stroke; Aubrey Krueger, mental health treatment; Amy Bruss, in therapy following a stroke; Dr. Roland “Cap” Ehlke, James Loker, Josiah Boehringer in cancer treatment;

**Hospice Care:** Joyce Schmidt, Cliff Evans, Nancy Thiele.

**The people of Ukraine:** wisdom and guidance for the governments of the world in dealing with the crisis of Russia’s invasion.

**Collect for the Resurrection of Our Lord:**

*O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Easter Monday**

*O God, in the paschal feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your People that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Easter Tuesday**

*Almighty God, through the resurrection of Your Son You have secured peace for our troubled consciences. Grant us this peace evermore that trusting in the merit of Your Son we may come at last to the perfect peace of heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Easter Wednesday**

*Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**

**Hymn of the Week**

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (stanzas 1-4)**

**Looking forward to the Second Sunday of Easter/Quasimodo Geniti** **April 24, 2022**

**Hymns: 487, 471, 473, 562, 468, 603**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14:** “Dry bones” are bones with no life in them. The prophet Ezekiel proclaims the Word of the Lord. The Word of the Lord breathes life into “dry bones” because it is the Word of forgiveness. The resurrection of the body is the concrete manifestation of the forgiveness of sins that Jesus earned for us in His death.

**1 John 5:4-10:** What is the victory that overcomes the world? Faith in Christ overcomes the world, along with all the sin, temptation, and death in our lives with which we daily contend. If we look for our certainty by looking at whether or not we have always overcome temptation in our lives, we will never have certainty. Certainty comes by a faith which lays hold of Christ Jesus alone in His holy Word and sacraments.

**John 20:19-31:** It is in Jesus’ first resurrection appearance in the upper room that He ordained His disciples “apostles” saying, “Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” As Jesus spoke these words He said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to every minister of the Gospel in so far as he is faithful to the Word of Christ. Wherever Jesus’ Word is preached, there is the Spirit of God “working faith when and where He pleases,” forgiving the sins of repentant sinners and withholding forgiveness from the unrepentant. The purpose of the Apostolic Word is defined by John in his Gospel: “these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (vs.31).