

**Daily Devotions for Home and Family**  
*For the Week of The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
May 15 through May 21

**VIII. THE PERSON OF CHRIST**

<sup>1</sup> In connection with the controversy on the Holy Supper a disagreement has arisen between the authentic theologians of the Augsburg Confession and the Calvinists (who have misled some other theologians also) concerning the person of Christ, the two natures in Christ, and their properties.

THE CHIEF QUESTION AT ISSUE IN THIS CONTROVERSY

<sup>2</sup> The chief question has been, Because of personal union in the person of Christ, do the divine and human natures, together with their properties, *really* (that is, in deed and truth) share with each other, and how far does this sharing extend?

<sup>3</sup> The Sacramentarians have asserted that in Christ the divine and human natures are personally united in such a way that neither of the two *really* (that is, in deed and in truth) shares in the properties of the other but have in common only the name. They declare boldly that the “personal union makes merely the names common,” so that God is called man and a man is called God, but that God really (that is, in deed and in truth) has nothing in common with the humanity and that the humanity really has nothing in common with the deity, its majesty, and its properties. Dr. Luther and his followers have contended for the opposite view against the Sacramentarians.

AFFIRMATIVE THESES

*The Pure Teaching of the Christian Church Concerning the Person of Christ*

<sup>4</sup> To explain and to settle this controversy according to our Christian faith we teach, believe, and confess the following:

<sup>5</sup> **1.** That the divine and the human natures are personally united in Christ in such a way that there are not two Christs, one the Son of God and the other the Son of man, but a single individual is both the Son of God and the Son of man (Luke 1:35; Rom. 9:5). ~ Ep. of FC VIII:1-5

***The Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from this order as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.  
Learn by heart the catechism and hymn each week.*

**Invocation**

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Psalm – 148**

### **The Catechism – *Sacrament of the Altar***

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

### **Daily Readings:**

Sunday, May 15 – Luke 11:37-54

Monday, May 16 – Luke 12:1-12

Tuesday, May 17 – Luke 12:13-34

Wednesday, May 18 – Luke 12:35-53

Thursday, May 19 – Luke 12:54-13:7

Friday, May 20 – Luke 13:18-35

Saturday, May 21 – Luke 14:1-24 (*Commemoration of Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, and Helena, Mother of Constantine*)

**Meditation** (*If you are using another devotional tool, such as Portals of Prayer, this would be an appropriate place to insert it*)

## Prayers

Let us pray...O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, turn your eyes in mercy towards us...behold, visit, and relieve all Your servants who stand in need of prayer:

St. John's Lutheran Church; The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; The Rev. Matthew Harrison; The Atlantic District; The Rev. Derek Lecakes; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; The Rev. Lawrence Rast; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; The Rev. Thomas Egger; The Concordia University System; Lutheran Parochial Schools; Our Sister Churches; All Pastors, Missionaries, and Church Workers; The United States of America; President Joseph Biden; Governor Kathy Hochul; U.S. Military Personnel; All Fire, Police, and EMS workers and volunteers; Gloria Albizu; Maryann Arrasate; Rob Arrasate; Lynda Campanaro; Deborah Gaiser; Allison Ruddick Grote; Stacy Harris; Julie Jacobsen; Kate Malenczak; Maureen; Art Pabst; Ingrid Vessie; Jack Whitehouse; The Conflict in Ukraine

**Armed Forces:** Phillip Rappe; Brian Williams

Look upon them with your grace and favor; grant them comfort and a sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

### Morning or Evening Prayer

*(Morning)* 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.

*(Evening)* 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 for the Week – *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*LSB # 720 st. 1*

We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.

### Closing Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Looking ahead for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

*Acts 16:9-15*

*Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27*

*John 16:23-33*