

**Daily Devotions for Home and Family**  
*For the Week of The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
April 21 through April 27

**VIII. THE PERSON OF CHRIST**

<sup>69</sup> In this way no distinction would be made between Christ according to his human nature and other holy people, and thus Christ would be robbed of his majesty, which as a human being and according to his human nature he has received above all creatures.

<sup>70</sup> For no other creature, whether man or angel, can or should say, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matt. 28:18). For while it is true that God, together with the whole fullness of deity which he always has with him, dwells in believers, he does not do so bodily nor is he personally united with them as in the case of Christ. It is because of the personal union that Christ says, also according to the human nature, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matt. 28:18); likewise, when Jesus knew that “the Father had given all things into his hands” (John 13:3); likewise, “In him dwells the whole fullness of deity bodily” (Col. 2:9); likewise, “Thou has crowned him with glory and honor and didst set him over the works of thy hands, putting everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control” (Heb. 2:7, 8), and “he is excepted who put all things under him” (1 Cor. 15:27).

<sup>71</sup> We do not in any way believe, teach, and confess an outpouring of the majesty of God and all its properties into the human nature of Christ of such a kind that thereby the divine nature is weakened or surrenders to another something that belongs to it without keeping it for itself. Nor do we believe that in its substance and essence the human nature allegedly received equal majesty, separated or divided from the nature and essence of the Son of God, as when water, wine, or oil is poured from one container into another. For the human nature, like every other creature in heaven or on earth, is not capable of the omnipotence of God in such a way that it would become an omnipotent essence intrinsically or have omnipotent properties intrinsically. Thereby Christ’s human nature would be denied and completely transformed into the Godhead. This is contrary to our Christian Creed and to the entire prophetic and apostolic doctrine. <sup>72</sup> But we believe, teach, and confess that God the Father gave his Spirit to Christ, his beloved Son, according to the assumed human nature (whence he is called Messiah, or the Anointed) in such a way that he received the Spirit’s gifts not by measure, like other saints. The “Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might and knowledge” (Isa. 11:2; 61:1) does not rest upon Christ the Lord according to his assumed human nature (according to the deity he is of one essence with the Holy Spirit) <sup>73</sup> in such a manner that as a man he therefore knows and can do only certain things in the way in which other saints know and can do things through the Holy Spirit who endows them only with created gifts. Rather, since Christ according to the Godhead is the second person in the holy Trinity and the Holy Spirit proceeds from him as well as from the Father (and therefore he is and remains to all eternity his and the Father’s own Spirit, who is never separated from the Son), it follows that through personal union the entire fullness of the Spirit (as the ancient Fathers say) is communicated to Christ according to the flesh that is personally united with the Son of God. <sup>74</sup> This fullness demonstrates and manifests itself spontaneously and with all power in, with, and through the human nature. The result is not that he knows only certain things and does not know certain other things, or that he can do certain things and cannot do certain other things, but that he knows and can do everything. The Father poured out upon him without measure the Spirit of wisdom and power, so that as a man, through the personal union, he really and truly has received all knowledge and all power. In this way all the treasures of wisdom are hid in him, all authority is given to him,<sup>3</sup> and he is exalted to the right hand of the majesty and power of God. ~ FC, SD VIII:69-74

## ***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 – 23**

### **The Catechism – *Christian Questions With Their Answers***

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*  
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?*  
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?*  
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

### **Daily Readings:**

Sunday, April 21 – Luke 9:1-17 (*Commemoration of Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian*)

Monday, April 22 – Luke 9:18-36

Tuesday, April 23 – Luke 9:37-62

Wednesday, April 24 – Luke 10:1-22 (*Commemoration of Johann Walter, Kantor*)

Thursday, April 25 – Luke 10:23-42 (*Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist; suggested add'l reading: Mark 16:14-20*)

Friday, April 26 – Luke 11:1-13

Saturday, April 27 – Luke 11:14-36

**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...Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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.

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. Dien Ashley Taylor; 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 Rev. Eric Stinnett & Family; The Rev. David & Barbara Bush; The United States of America; President Joseph Biden; The U.S. Congress and Senate; The Supreme Court Justices and all judges and magistrates; Governor Kathy Hochul; All State and locally elected officials; U.S. Military Personnel; All Fire, Police, and EMS workers and volunteers; Emily Arrasate; Rob Arrasate; Dotty Berk; Jackie Blydenburgh; Claire Bornholdt; Noel Brewer; Dan Bruno; Michael Carrano; Helene Conroy; Lucy Decker; John Demonte; Ed Doepp; Michael Emmel; Carol Fagan; Janet Firmery; Carol Foth; Bob Franco; Scott & Morgan Graham; Peter Hamilton; Marilyn Jorg; Joyce Keller; Tom Keller; Ben Leary; Dorothy Mistler; Olga Pabst; Barbara Reichling; Alice Ryan; Peggy Salamone; Victor Santiago; Julia Schildt; Charlene Schneeberg; Bert Schneider; Judy Scott; Judy Smith; Michael Stewart; Pat Suriano; Gertrude Sutorius; Ingrid Vessie

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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 – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*LSB #709, st. 2*

Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

### Closing Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C** **Amen.**

### Looking ahead for The Fifth Sunday of Easter:

*Acts 8:26-40*

*1 John 4:1-21*

*John 15:1-8*