

Daily Devotions for Home and Family
For the Week of The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12 through May 18

VIII. THE PERSON OF CHRIST

⁸⁶ There are many similar testimonies in Dr. Luther's writings, especially in the book *That These Words Still Stand Firm* and in his *Great Confession concerning the Holy Supper*. For the sake of brevity we here merely go on record as having appealed to these as being clear expositions of the majesty of Christ at the right hand of God in connection with this article, as well as of his covenant in the Holy Supper in connection with the previous article.

⁸⁷ Hence we consider it a pernicious error to deprive Christ according to his humanity of this majesty. To do so robs Christians of their highest comfort, afforded them in the cited promises of the presence and indwelling of their head, king, and high priest, who has promised that not only his unveiled deity, which to us poor sinners is like a consuming fire on dry stubble, will be with them, but that he, he, the man who has spoken with them, who has tasted every tribulation in his assumed human nature, and who can therefore sympathize with us as with men and his brethren, he wills to be with us in all our troubles also according to that nature by which he is our brother and we are flesh of his flesh.

⁸⁸ Therefore we unanimously reject and condemn with mouth and heart all errors which are inconsistent with the doctrine here set forth as contrary to the prophetic and apostolic writings, the orthodox Creeds, and our Christian Augsburg Confession:

⁸⁹ **1.** If anyone were to believe or teach that because of the personal union the human nature has allegedly been blended with the divine or has been transformed into it.

⁹⁰ **2.** Likewise, that the human nature in Christ is everywhere present in the same way as the Deity, as an infinite essence, through an essential power or property of its nature.

⁹¹ **3.** Likewise, that the human nature in Christ has been equalized with and has become equal to the divine nature in its substance and essence or in its essential properties.

⁹² **4.** Likewise, that the humanity of Christ is locally extended into every place in heaven and earth, something which ought not be attributed to the deity. Without transforming or destroying his true human nature, Christ's omnipotence and wisdom can readily provide that through his divine omnipotence Christ can be present with his body, which he has placed at the right hand of the majesty and power of God, wherever he desires and especially where he has promised his presence in his Word, as in the Holy Communion.

⁹³ **5.** Likewise, that the mere human nature of Christ alone, with which the Son of God had no communion whatever in the passion, suffered for us and redeemed us.

⁹⁴ **6.** Likewise, that in the preached Word and in the right use of the holy sacraments Christ is present with us on earth only according to his deity, and that this presence does not involve his assumed human nature in any way whatever.

⁹⁵ **7.** Likewise, that the assumed human nature in Christ does not share in deed and truth the divine power, might, wisdom, majesty, and glory, but has only the bare title and name in common with it.

⁹⁶ **8.** We reject and condemn these errors and all others that contradict and contravene the above doctrine as being contrary to the pure Word of God, the writings of the holy prophets and apostles, and our Christian Creed and Confession. Since the Holy Scriptures call Christ a mystery over which all heretics break their heads, we admonish all Christians not to pry presumptuously into this mystery with their reason, but with the holy apostles simply to believe, close the eyes of reason, take their intellect captive to obey Christ, comfort themselves therewith, and rejoice constantly that our flesh and blood have in Christ been made to sit so high at the right hand of the majesty and almighty power of God. In this way they will be certain to find abiding comfort in all adversities and will be well protected against pernicious errors. ~ FC, SD VIII:86-96

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 – 1

The Catechism – *Christian Questions With Their Answers*

10. Did the Father also die for you?

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?

From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Daily Readings:

Sunday, May 12 – Luke 18:18-34

Monday, May 13 – Luke 18:35—19:10

Tuesday, May 14 – Luke 19:11-28

Wednesday, May 15 – Luke 19:29-48

Thursday, May 16 – Luke 20:1-18

Friday, May 17 – Luke 20:19-44

Saturday, May 18 – Luke 20:45—21:19

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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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; Arthur Holden; Marilyn Jorg; Joyce Keller; Tom Keller; Ben Leary; Dorothy Mistler; Olga Pabst; Barbara Reichling; Eileen Reiter; Alice Ryan; Peggy Salamone; Victor Santiago; Julia Schildt; Charlene Schneeberg; Bert Schneider; Judy Scott; Judy Smith; Michael Stewart; Pat Suriano; Gertrude Sutorius; Ingrid Vessie

Armed Forces: Gregory D'Alessandro; Emma Levine; Phillip Rappe; Brian Williams; Michael John Young

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 – *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

LSB #658, st. 4

Preserve Your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Your face.

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 Pentecost:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15