



“Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil”

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 34:3b; 34:17; 48:14a; 78:1-3, 4b

Say to my soul, “I am your sal- / vation.”*
 The righteous cry out, and the / Lord hears.
 He delivers them out of all their / troubles.*
 For this is God, our God forever and / ever.
 Give ear, O my people, / to my law;*
 incline your ears to the words / of my mouth.
 I will open my mouth in a / parable;*
 I will utter dark say- / ings of old,
 which we have / heard and known,*
 and our fathers have / told us.
 We will tell the generation to come the praises / of the Lord,*
 and His strength and His wonderful works that / He has done.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Ephesians 6:10-11
 “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we implore You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK TLH 331, LSB 614
Yea, As I Live, Jehovah Saith Nikolaus Herman



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| <p>1. Yea, as I live, Jehovah saith,
 I would not have the sinner's death,
 But that he turn from error's ways,
 Repent, and live through endless days.</p> <p>2. To us therefore Christ gave command:
 "Go forth and preach in every land;
 Bestow on all My pardoning grace
 Who will repent and mend their ways.</p> <p>3. "All those whose sins ye thus remit
 I truly pardon and acquit,
 And those whose sins ye do retain
 Condemned and guilty shall remain.</p> | <p>4. "What ye shall bind, that bound shall be;
 What ye shall loose, that shall be free;
 Unto My Church the keys are giv'n
 To ope and close the gates of heav'n."</p> <p>7. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
 For absolution full and free,
 In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;
 From false indulgence guard our race.</p> <p>8. Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As 'twas, is now, and so shall be
 World without end, eternally!</p> |
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1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE 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
 Christian church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
 resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER
 Our Father, who art in
 heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily
 bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
 temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and
 the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE 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.

THEME OF THE WEEK: Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil

The “days are evil” (Eph. 4:16), “the devil prowls around like a roaring lion” (1 Pet. 5:8), and “the flesh is weak,” (Matt. 26:41), but Christ “the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign” (LSB, 155). The entire life of a Christian is a life of repentance and faith that clings to Christ for forgiveness, life and salvation. As we hear again the call to daily remember our baptism, putting off the old nature and putting on the new, we remember that we have been crucified and raised with Christ to live a new life in and with Him. He is the One Who has conquered the world, the devil and our sinful flesh and His victory is our victory. Thanks be to God!

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:1-8 Jesus' Authority Over Sin

The crowds marveled, the religious elites questioned and balked at Jesus' authority. But Jesus' authority was and is real: the very authority of the almighty God. Jesus demonstrated His authority by telling a paralytic to rise and walk, by casting out demons and calming a storm with a single word (Matt. 9:26, 32). Jesus exercises His authority by forgiving the sins of the paralytic and yours! There is nothing in your life, in your past, present or future that Jesus Christ does not have the authority to forgive. His sacrificial death was the ransom payment for all your sins; the debt has been paid in full. So, take heart child of God, your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus. *Lord Jesus, help me find comfort in Your authority over all things, including my sins. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:145-152 Hope abounds in the Promises of God

In our world hope seems to be in short supply these days. Evil seems to be winning the day and the faithful are persecuted for loving the statutes and commands of the LORD. The Psalmist knew something about this distress too (v. 150). But, he also knew that the LORD is near His people. He knew that the LORD's steadfast love gives life and the LORD's commandments and testimonies are true. Therefore, his hope was not in this world or anything in it, but in the LORD Who saves, gives, and sustains life now, and life forever according to His promises. When we take our eyes off Christ, hope is in short supply. But in Christ Jesus hope abounds for God's people now and forever. *O LORD, keep my eyes on Your promises day and night. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:22-28 Remembering Your Baptism

In *The Large Catechism*, Dr. Luther says that a “Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, begun once and continuing ever after” (IV, 66). Joined to Christ's death and resurrection in Holy Baptism, you have been crucified and raised with Christ and are one with Him forever. Though your baptism abides forever - never needs to be done again - we remember our baptism daily as we “put off the old self” and “put on the new self” (vv. 22, 24). Thus, Saint Paul exhorts us to remember and consider our baptism daily, putting off the old nature by dying with Christ so that we might be renewed and raised with Christ to live in His righteousness and holiness now and forever. *Lord, help me to remember my baptism in Christ Jesus daily. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:21-23 The LORD's Call and Work of Repentance

“Return to me,” says the LORD (v. 22). This is the LORD's call to repentance and faith; His daily summons to turn from our wayward and sinful ways and turn back to Him and His ways. Of course, this is only possible for Israel and for us because of the LORD's redeeming work that blots out transgressions and forgives sins. And grace upon grace, the LORD Who calls us back to Himself and His ways is the same LORD Who works faith and repentance in our hearts through His Word and Spirit. So sing, shout and rejoice to the LORD for His wondrous love and redeeming work for you in Christ. *O LORD, thank You for forming me and redeeming me in Christ that I may be Your beloved servant who delights to walk in Your ways. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 1:35-51 Jesus' Finds and Calls His Disciples

John's preaching points men to Jesus “*the lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!*” (Jn 1:29). His preaching has a domino effect that hits, calls, and claims one man after another; Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip and Nathanael. Caught up in the saving work of Christ, Andrew and Philip claim they have found the Messiah! But in reality, it is He Who found them. They are Jesus' men now, but they have much to learn about this Jesus Who sought out, called, and saved them. “Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above, deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity. Love that found me – wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not” (LSB, 611). *Thank You, Lord Jesus, for finding, loving, and calling me to be Yours. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 The Blessing of Gifts within the Body of Christ

The old sandbox debate, “I'm better than you,” that once tripped up Jesus' own disciples (Mk. 9:33-37), seems to have plagued the congregation of saints at Corinth. Saint Paul makes it abundantly clear that God gives “a variety of gifts” to each person. This is not to be used as a measuring stick for pride or boasting, but to serve and care for one another and to build up the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:4; 14:12). The body of Christ consists of many so that we may not suffer or rejoice alone, but be a blessing to each other. Your place within the body of Christ is as important as the body of Christ is to you. Rejoice and give to the Lord for the gifts He has given to you and to others in His body. *Lord Jesus, thank You for the great blessing of being part of Your body, the Church. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 61 The LORD, our Rock and Refuge

David, weak, exhausted and in the midst of crisis, calls upon the Lord God for help. He knows that God is his rock, strong tower and shelter of refuge in the face of his enemies. He knows that God will defend, protect and deliver him from evil. He prays for the Lord to prolong his life and his throne. And while David's days and times, as with ours, are in the Lord's hands (Ps. 31:15), his throne would indeed be established forever through his descendant, Christ Jesus. With David, we know that God is our rock and refuge in the midst of every trouble and His Son, the King of Kings, rules and reigns over all our defeated enemies. *O Lord, thank You for conquering the devil, the world and our sinful nature that we may live and rest in You. Amen.*

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