

**Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16**

**P** But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

**C** In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**P** Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C** I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

**CATECHISM**

## The Second Article—Redemption

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.

*What does this mean?*

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, 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.

**LEARN BY HEART***1 Peter 3:21*

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

**COLLECT**

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isa 60:1–6; Ephesians 3:1–12; Matt 2:1–12

**INVOCATION**

**INTROIT** (front page)

**MEDITATION:** *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

**LEARN BY HEART:** Bible Verse (front page)

**DAILY READINGS:**

SU:	1/1	Ecclesiastes 5:1–20	John 8:1–20
M:	1/2	Ecclesiastes 6:1—7:10	John 8:21–38
T:	1/3	Ecclesiastes 7:11–29	John 8:39–59
W:	1/4	Ecclesiastes 8:1–17	John 9:1–23
TH:	1/5	Ecclesiastes 9:1–17	John 9:24–41
F:	1/6	Ecclesiastes 10:1–20	John 10:1–21
SA:	1/7	Ecclesiastes 11:1–10	John 10:22–42

**HYMN OF THE MONTH:** LSB #395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

**APOSTLES’ CREED****IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Chuck; Linda; Sandra; Kara; Heather

**COLLECT** (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** 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**