

DAILY DEVOTIONS JANUARY 5 - 11, 2025

Start the new year with a healthy resolution: to have daily devotions. If you live alone, think of someone you could invite to join you, either in person or on the phone.

Resources for Daily Devotions are found on pages 294-330 in the hymnal. (You may borrow a hymnal from the church or ask about ordering hymnal(s) for yourself and others.) We also have free copies of Portals of Prayer with devotions for every day. Every person is encouraged to learn, pray, and yes, *memorize* a hymn, a Bible verse, and a selection from the Catechism each week. Pastor Mike would be glad to visit you to help you begin or improve your practice of Daily Devotions.

Weekly Bible Verse: ROMANS 10:9–10

⁹If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Weekly Hymn: 457 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

D 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Weekly 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.

We pray for others and for ourselves

T We pray for all those facing health problems: Shirley K, Darlene F, Crystal, Hawk's friend Todd, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Joe, her friend Helen and her sister Margaret, and for her friend Don who was badly injured in a fall from a ladder, Eric, Byron.

T Continued healing and strength for Claudia and Kathy

T Joshua, missionary work in Chile for 2 months

T For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry B, Jerry's brother-in-law Ron, Harriet's brother Jerry (hospice), Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim

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