

Lutheran Confessions

Formula of Concord, SD, I, 46

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Formula of Concord, Epitome, I, 5-46

5] Moreover, the Son of God has assumed this human nature, however, without sin, and therefore not a foreign, but our own flesh, into the unity of His person, and according to it is become our true Brother. *Heb. 2, 14: Forasmuch, then, as the children were partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same.* Again, *16; 4, 15: He took not on Him the nature of angels, but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, yet without sin.* 6] In like manner Christ has also redeemed it as His work, sanctifies it as His work, raises it from the dead, and gloriously adorns it as His work. **But original sin He has not created, assumed, redeemed, sanctified; nor will He raise it, will neither adorn nor save it in the elect, but in the [blessed] resurrection it will be entirely destroyed....**

...10] And [we affirm] that no one but God alone can separate from one another the nature and this corruption of the nature, which will fully come to pass through death, in the [blessed] resurrection, where our nature which we now bear will rise and live eternally without original sin and separated and sundered from it, as it is written *Job 19, 26: I shall be compassed again with this my skin, and in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold.*

Large Catechism, III, 60

60] But the term *Auferstehung des Fleisches* (resurrection of the flesh) here employed is not according to good German idiom. For when we Germans hear the word *Fleisch* (flesh), we think no farther than of the shambles. But in good German idiom we would say *Auferstehung des Leibes*, or *Leichnams* (resurrection of the body). However, it is not a matter of much moment, if we only understand the words aright.

(*Bente, F., Concordia Triglotta, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Northwestern Publishing House, 1997*).

Put it into Practice

These questions have been put together to help you as you extend and apply tonight's Scripture to your life.

Prayer

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we who celebrate Your Pascal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN** (*Prayer for Easter*)

Word of God: St. Mark 16:1-8 (on back)

Questions to Ponder in Prayer

1. What day of the week was the Sabbath?
2. When was the Sabbath "past?" What did they do before it was dark?
3. Were these women expecting to find Jesus risen from the dead?
4. Why did going to anoint a body some 36 hours show intense devotion? When you consider Mk 15:40 and 15:47, is this consistent?
5. Why anoint the body?
6. Who were the first to arrive at the tomb? Could they have gone to the wrong tomb? How did they know where it was? (See Mark 15:47)
7. According to Mark, the women had no knowledge of a seal on the tomb or a posted guard(Matthew 27:62-66). About what are they worried? (Mark 16:3, 15:46) How did the stone entrance to a tomb work?
8. Mark emphasizes that it was a very large stone. Yet it was "rolled out" (not "rolled back," but thrown out of its groove! See Mt 28:2-4, Jn 20:1)
9. The tomb had an entrance area(ante-chamber) then a 2' by 2' door on the floor and then the burial chamber itself. When the woman got into the burial chamber, what were they surprised to see? (Mk 16:5)
10. How do we know that this was an angel(messenger) from God? Why white? (See Mk 9:3, Rev 6:11, 7:9,13)
11. What is their response? (Mk 16:5) Why? (Mk 13:26-27, judgment)
12. Why is it particularly troublesome that it was two women who are the first witnesses? Furthermore, that one is Mary Magdalene(Lk 8:2, Mk 16:9)?
13. Apart from the angel's revelation, all we have is an empty tomb. But with his message/interpretation, what do we know?
 - A. "Do not be alarmed!" Why? (Mk 1:1)
 - B. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him." The facts. Crucified, but raised!
 - C. "But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." Why is Peter singled out (14:66-72)? See 14:28 for the promise Jesus made.
14. The response of the woman is first "alarm,"(great fear), then fleeing, trembling, astonishment and keeping quiet (for a time). Who is to say that is in appropriate? (See Mk 9:6).
15. Fear is a consistent response in Mark's Gospel. (4:41, 5:15, 33, 36, 6:50, 9:6, 32)

6:30 PM "Learn by Heart"

Through simple repetition those present will inwardly digest...

Hymn "**Christ Is Arisen**" ASBH insert
Christian Questions with their
Answers, 17-20
Job 19:25-27

7:00 PM "Catechesis"

+ Opening Verses

"O Lord, open Thou(†) my lips..."
from the Psalter, p. 29-30

Reading

St. Mark 16:1-8 (back)

Hymn

"**Christ Is Arisen**"
(Augustana Service, insert)

Catechesis on... (back)

St. Mark 16:1-8

Liturgy

Catechism

--prayer based on reading

--prayer based on reading

+ Responsive Prayer for Catechesis (insert)

Ten Commandments

Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Psalm 128 (also page 315)

Collect of the Day

Prayers based on the text

The Collect "For Contentment"

Benedicamus

Benediction

Catechesis on St. Mark 16:1-8

¹ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ “But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” ⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (NKJV)

The Resurrection of Christ

In **1 Corinthians 15**, St. Paul makes it clear that he received the doctrine of Christ’s resurrection (v.3), and he preaches it (v.1). Concerning those who deny the resurrection (v.12), St. Paul says, “Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for **some do not have the knowledge of God**. I speak *this* to your shame” (v.34).

“Hence also **the human nature, after the resurrection from the dead, has its exaltation above all creatures in heaven and on earth**; which is nothing else than that He entirely laid aside the form of a servant, and yet did not lay aside His human nature, but retains it to eternity, and is put in the full possession and use of the divine majesty according to His assumed human nature. However, **this majesty He had immediately at His conception**, even in His mother’s womb, but, as the apostle testifies [Phil. 2, 7], laid it aside; and, as Dr. Luther explains, He kept it concealed in the state of His humiliation, and did not employ it always, but only when He wished” (FC SD VIII 26).

“But Thy death is a witness, **Thy resurrection is a witness**, the Holy Ghost is a witness, Thy entire Church is a witness, that it is truly the judgment of the Gospel that we obtain remission of

sins, not on account of our merits, but on account of Thee, through faith” (AC XXVII 13).

Romans 1:3-4, “... concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and **declared to be the Son of God** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead.**”

Our Resurrection (with Christ)

Without Christ’s resurrection, “you are still in your sins!” (v.17). It is through Christ’s resurrection that “all shall be made alive” (v.22) and “be saved by His life” (Ro 5:10).

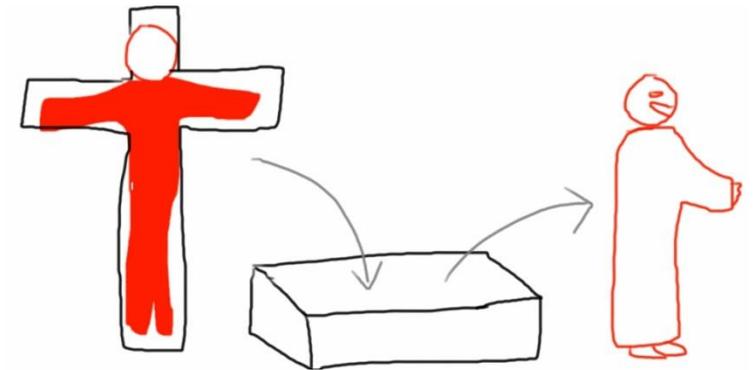
John 11:25-26, “Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life**. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live**. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Romans 4:24-25, “It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, **and was raised because of our justification.**”

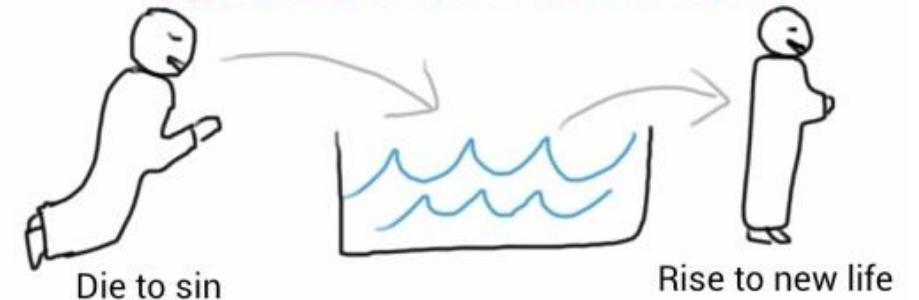
“For the old Adam, as an intractable, refractory ass, is still a part of them... **until the body of sin is entirely put off, and man is perfectly renewed in the resurrection**, when he will need neither the preaching of the Law nor its threatenings and punishments, as also the Gospel any longer; these belong to this [mortal and] imperfect life. **25]** But as they will behold God face to face, so they will, through the power of the indwelling Spirit of God, do the will of God [the heavenly Father] with unmingled joy, voluntarily, unconstrained, without any hindrance, with entire purity and perfection, and will rejoice in it eternally” (FC SD VI 24-25).

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Catechesis on St. Mark 16:1-8



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