

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of your hand; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98
Exodus 28:1-5, 30-38
1 John 2:18-29
Mark 6:30-44
Evening Psalter – 103

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52
Exodus 32:1-20
Colossians 3:18—4:18
Matthew 5:1-10
Evening Psalter – 44

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45
Exodus 32:21-35
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:11-16
Evening Psalter – 47, 48

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72
Exodus 33:1-23
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:17-20
Evening Psalter – 49, 53

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 50
Exodus 34:1-17
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Matthew 5:21-26
Evening Psalter – 59, 60

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54
Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Matthew 5:27-37
Evening Psalter – 51

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55
Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48
Evening Psalter – 138, 139

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 59. But what does it help you now that you believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.^[1]

[1] Hab. 2:4; John 3:36; Rom. 1:17; 5:1, 2.

Q. 60. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.^[1]

Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,^[2] and am still inclined to all evil,^[3] yet God, without any merit of my own,^[4] out of mere grace,^[5] imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.^[6] He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,^[7] if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.^[8]

[1] Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8, 9; Phil. 3:8-11.

[2] Rom. 3:9, 10.

[3] Rom. 7:23.

[4] Deut. 9:6; Ezek. 36:22; Tit. 3:4, 5.

[5] Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8.

[6] Rom. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 John 2:1, 2.

[7] Rom. 4:24, 25; 2 Cor. 5:21.

[8] John 3:18; Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 3:22.

Q. 61. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.^[1] I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.^[2]

[1] 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; 2:2.

[2] Rom. 10:10; 1 John 5:10-12.