

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Lent

14 March 2010

**Hymns:**

- LSB #556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
LSB #562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall  
LSB #571 God Loved the World So That He Gave  
LSB #580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace  
LSB #737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing  
LSB #743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure  
LSB #756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

*Isaiah 12:1-6: As the people of God, by faith, we give thanks unto Him, for He has taken away our sins and turned His anger away from us. No longer are we condemned by His righteous wrath and judgment. In Christ Jesus, the Lord has become our strength and our song, because He has become our salvation.*

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21: The Lord Jesus Christ, who knew no sin of His own, was made to be sin and the curse for us, in His sacrificial death upon the Cross, so that we receive the righteousness of God in Him. Thus, having obtained reconciliation of God and man by His Cross, He calls us to Himself by the Ministry of the Gospel, that we be reconciled to God by grace through faith in Him.*

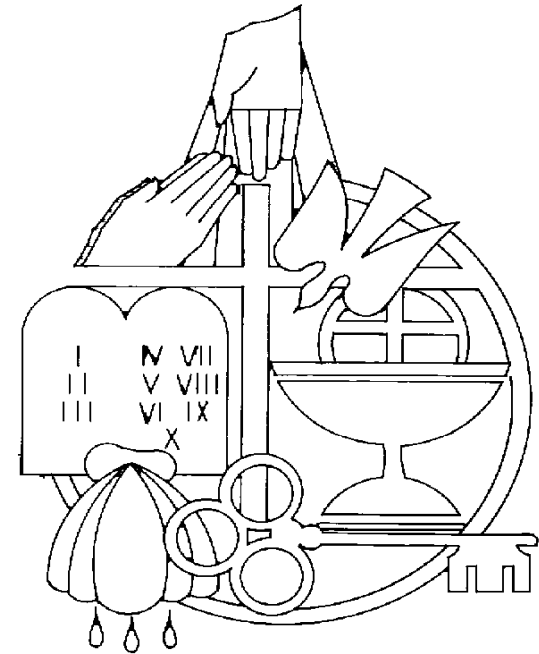
*St. Luke 15:1-32: The Parable of the Prodigal Son portrays the open heart of the Father, which is opened toward us in love, in the Person of Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. He has come down from heaven, into the muck and the mire of our sin and death, bearing our reproach, in order to bring us back to the Father in and with Himself. So does He eat with sinners, even us; He feeds us with His holy body and precious blood, and covers us with His righteousness.*

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ✚

*“They were continually devoting themselves to the Apostolic Doctrine and to the Communion, to the Breaking of the Bread, and to the Prayers.”*

*(Acts of the Apostles 2:42)*

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**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 & ever. Amen.**

*[The Collect of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:*

*Collect for the Week of the Third Sunday in Lent:*

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Daily Themes for Intercessory Prayer:*

- Sunday:** *For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for Resurrection Lutheran Academy and other schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.*
- Tuesday:** *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday:** *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.*
- Friday:** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ's holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord's Day.*

*In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:*

*Sandra Rhein, returning to South Bend from Kenya the latter part of this week; Andy Becker (Vicki Larsen's father), who is undergoing eye surgery this week; Aaron Nemoyer (a young friend of our Emmaus youth), who will also be undergoing surgery this week Tuesday, in order to correct a curvature of his spine; John & Doris Bowerman, who will not be able to return to working in Macau, but will be remaining in the United States, due to multiple health problems; Diane Pettus (Eleanor's Aunt), who has been diagnosed with Parkinsons; and Michael Buerger (Eleanor's younger cousin), who is battling Lymphoma.*

## **The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent**

**7-13 March 2010**

### ***This Week in the Church Year***

*Repentance is the work of God, whereby He calls you away from sin and death back to Himself, to the life that is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He works this repentance in you by His Law and His Gospel, by His Word and Holy Spirit, putting you to death and raising you to new life in Christ. So does He also use the consequences of sin, both in your own life and in the sinful world around you, as among the ways and means by which He brings you to an awareness of your sin and death. Because the curse and consequences of sin have ultimately been laid upon Christ, the Lamb of God, your contrition does not lead to despair but to repentant faith in the one who has taken away your sins (and the sins of the world). With His forgiveness, there is life and salvation!*

### ***Emphasis: Jesus Calls You to Repentance, unto Faith & Life in Him***

### ***The Order of Daily Catechesis in Word and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of daily catechesis as you and your family are able. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

*[The Opening Versicles and Psalmody]:*

**O Lord, open my lips. And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**Make haste, O God, to deliver me. Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

### **Psalm 85 (and/or one or more of the appointed daily Psalms listed below)**

<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Morning</b>	84, 150	145, 119:73-80	34, 146	5, 147:1-11	38, 147:12-20	22, 148	43, 149
<b>Evening</b>	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31, 143

**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.**

[*The Daily Morning or Evening Prayer, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction*]:

*(Morning)*: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You; for into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things; let Your holy Angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

*(Evening)*: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would forgive us all our sins, wherever we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night; for into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things; let Your holy Angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

*Let us bless the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all.*

**Amen.**

*Then, if it is in the morning, go joyfully to your work, according to your vocations in life, in faith toward God and in love toward your neighbor; or, if it is at the close of the day, go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

**Commemoration of Sts. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs**

**Sunday, 7 March**

*At the beginning of the third century, the Roman emperor Septimus Severus forbade conversions to Christianity. Among those disobeying that edict were Perpetua, a young noblewoman, and her maidservant Felicitas. Both were jailed at Carthage in North Africa, along with three fellow Christians. During their imprisonment, Perpetua and Felicitas confessed their faith with such conviction that the officer in charge became a follower of Jesus. After making arrangements for the well-being of their children, Perpetua and Felicitas were executed on 7 March, A.D. 203. Tradition holds that Perpetua showed mercy to her captors by falling on a sword because they could not bear to put her to death. The story of this martyrdom has been told ever since as an encouragement to persecuted Christians.*

*Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.*

*The Verse: 2 Peter 3:9b*

The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

*Readings for the Week of the Third Sunday in Lent:*

*Sunday, 7 March 2010* (Sts. Perpetua & Felicitas, Martyrs)

Genesis 27:30–45; 28:10–22; St. Mark 9:1–13

*Monday, 8 March 2010*

Genesis 29:1–30; St. Mark 9:14–32

*Tuesday, 9 March 2010*

Genesis 35:1–29; St. Mark 9:33–50

*Wednesday, 10 March 2010*

Genesis 37:1–36; St. Mark 10:1–12

*Thursday, 11 March 2010*

Genesis 39:1–23; St. Mark 10:13–31

*Friday, 12 March 2010*

Genesis 40:1–23; St. Mark 10:32–52

*Saturday, 13 March 2010*

Genesis 41:1–27; St. Mark 11:1–19

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Part III*

*How can water do such great things?*

**Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God’s Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.**

**As Saint Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“‘AS SURELY AS I LIVE,’ GOD SAID”**

**LSB #614**

*[Daily Prayer: Invocation, Apostles’ Creed, Kyrie Eleison, and the Our Father]:*

**In the Name ☩ of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**