

Commemoration of the Patriarch Isaac, the Son of Abraham Tuesday, 16 August

Isaac, the long promised and awaited son of Abraham and Sarah, was born when his father was 100 and his mother 91. The announcement of his birth brought both joy and laughter to his aged parents (so the name "Isaac," which means "laughter"). As a young man, Isaac accompanied his father to Mount Moriah, where Abraham, in obedience to God's command, prepared to sacrifice him as a burnt offering. But God intervened, sparing Isaac's life and providing a ram as a substitute offering (Gen. 22:1–14), and thus pointing to the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ for the sins of the world. Isaac was given in marriage to Rebekah (24:15), and they had twin sons, Esau and Jacob (25:19–26). In his old age Isaac, blind and feeble, wanted to give his blessing and chief inheritance to his favorite—and eldest—son, Esau. But through deception Rebekah had Jacob receive them instead, resulting in years of family enmity. Isaac died at the age of 180 and was buried by his sons, who by then had become reconciled, in the family burial cave of Machpelah (35:28–29).

Commemoration of Johann Gerhard, Lutheran Theologian Wednesday, 17 August

*Johann Gerhard (1582–1637) was a great Lutheran theologian in the tradition of Martin Luther (1483–1546) and Martin Chemnitz (1522–86) and the most influential of the 17th-century dogmaticians. His monumental *Loci Theologici* (23 large volumes) is still considered by many to be a definitive statement of Lutheran orthodoxy. Gerhard was born in Quedlinburg, Germany. At the age of 15 he was stricken with a life-threatening illness. This experience, along with guidance from his pastor, Johann Arndt, marked a turning point in his life. He devoted the rest of his life to theology. He became a professor at the University of Jena and served many years as the Superintendent of Heldberg. Gerhard was a man of deep evangelical piety and love for Jesus. He wrote numerous books on exegesis, theology, devotional literature, history, and polemics. His sermons continue to be widely published and read.*

Commemoration of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Friday, 19 August

A leader in Christian Europe in the first half of the 11th century, Bernard is honored in his native France and around the world. Born into a noble family in Burgundy in 1090, Bernard left the affluence of his heritage and entered the monastery of Citeaux at the age of 22. After two years he was sent to start a new monastic house at Clairvaux. His work there was blessed in many ways. The monastery at Clairvaux grew in mission and service, eventually establishing some 68 daughter houses. Bernard is remembered for his charity and political abilities, but especially for his preaching and hymn composition. The hymn texts "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" and "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" are part of the heritage of the faith left by Saint Bernard.

Commemoration of the Prophet Samuel Saturday, 20 August

Samuel, last of the Old Testament judges and first of the prophets (after Moses), lived during the 11th century before Christ. The child of Elkanah, an Ephraimite, and his wife Hannah, Samuel was consecrated by his parents, while he was still a child, for sacred service; he was trained in the house of the Lord at Shiloh by Eli the priest. Samuel's authority as a prophet was established by God (1 Sam. 3:20). He anointed Saul to be Israel's first king (10:1). Later, as a result of Saul's disobedience to God, Samuel repudiated Saul's leadership and then anointed David to be king in place of Saul (16:13). Samuel's loyalty to God, his spiritual insight, and his ability to inspire others made him one of Israel's great leaders.

Looking forward to the Third Sunday in Martyrs' Tide 21 August 2016

Hymns: LSB #505; LSB #508; LSB #510; LSB #572; LSB #607; LSB #672

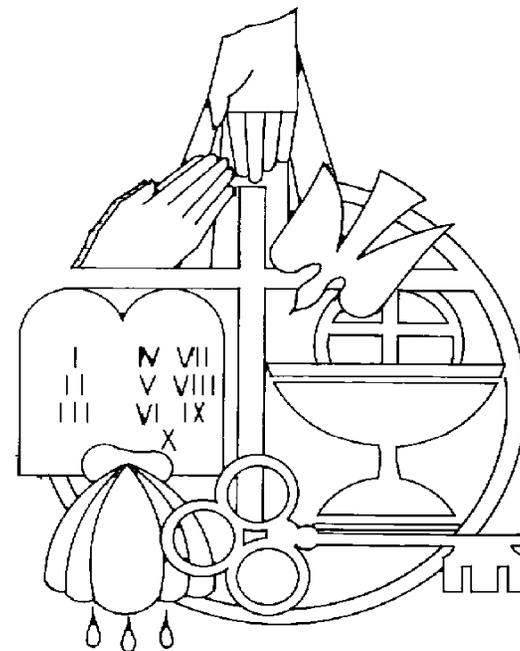
Readings: *Isaiah 66:18–23; Hebrews 12:4–29; and, Saint Luke 13:22–30*

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE SECOND WEEK OF MARTYRS' TIDE ✚

*"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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[*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.

The Feast of St. Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, 15 August

St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, is mentioned repeatedly in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, with nearly a dozen specific incidents in her life being recorded: her betrothal to Joseph; the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel that she was to be the Mother of the Messiah; her Visitation to Elizabeth, the Mother of John the Baptist; the Nativity of our Lord; the visits of the Shepherds and the Wise Men; the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the temple; the flight into Egypt; the Passover visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve; the wedding at Cana in Galilee; her presence at the Crucifixion when her Son commended her to the care of His Disciple John; and her meeting with the Apostles in the upper room after the Ascension, waiting for the promised Holy Spirit. Thus she is present at all of the important events in her Son's life. She is especially remembered and honored for her unconditional obedience to the will of God ("Let it be unto me according to Thy Word," St. Luke 1:38); for her loyalty to her Son even when she did not understand Him ("Do whatever He tells you," St. John 2:1-11); and, above all, for the highest honor that heaven bestowed on her, that she became the Mother of God the Son ("Blessed are you among women," St. Luke 1:42). According to Tradition, Mary went with the Apostle John to Ephesus, where she died.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 Collects of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:

(Monday, 15 August): Collect for the Feast of St. Mary, the Mother of God

Almighty God, You chose the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Second Week of Martyrs' Tide:

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

David Sams, as he is being catechized in preparation for Holy Baptism, and the Sams family, as they are selling their home and planning a move to Florida;

Kelvin & Melissa Rodriguez, that the Lord would bless their marriage; and

The teachers and students among our family and friends as they embark upon a new academic year, that the Lord would grant them knowledge and wisdom.

The Second Week of Martyrs' Tide

14–20 August 2016

This Week in the Church Year

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, enters a world that is at enmity with Him; although it is His own creation, and He has come to set it free from sin and death. He comes to His own, but His own do not receive Him, not by any human wisdom, reason or strength. Rather, His very presence among us causes division, even as His Word is a sharp, two-edged sword that divides between bone and marrow, revealing the secrets of the heart. There is no neutral middle ground. His Law puts one and all to death, and only His Gospel raises anyone to new life. Yet, He has Himself fulfilled this deadly and divisive Word for us and for all, in order to open the way through death into life. His Baptism into death upon the Cross has become our Baptism, our participation in His saving death, our share in His righteousness and peace, and our resurrection.

Emphasis: Christ Has Suffered Baptism unto Death for Our Salvation

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 119:81–88 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Morning</i>	67, 150	34, 51, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
<i>Evening</i>	46, 93	45, 47, 85	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90

**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 Verse: Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b

“Is not My Word like fire?” declares the Lord.
“Let Him who has My Word speak My Word in truth.”

Readings for the Second Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Sunday, 14 August 2016

2 Samuel 1:1–27; 1 Corinthians 7:25–40

Monday, 15 August 2016 (The Feast of St. Mary, the Mother of God)

2 Samuel 5:1–25; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

(Isaiah 61:7–11; Galatians 4:4–7; and St. Luke 1:39–55)

Tuesday, 16 August 2016 (The Patriarch Isaac)

2 Samuel 6:1–19; 1 Corinthians 9:1–23

Wednesday, 17 August 2016 (Johann Gerhard, Theologian)

2 Samuel 7:1–17; 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:22

Thursday, 18 August 2016

2 Samuel 7:18–29; 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:16

Friday, 19 Aug 2016 (St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter & Theologian)

2 Samuel 11:1–27; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

Saturday, 20 August 2016 (The Prophet Samuel)

2 Samuel 12:1–25; 1 Corinthians 12:1–13

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The First & Second Commandments

What is the First Commandment?

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

What is the Second Commandment?

You shall not misuse the Name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His Name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Hymns of the Week

“LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”

LSB #655

[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