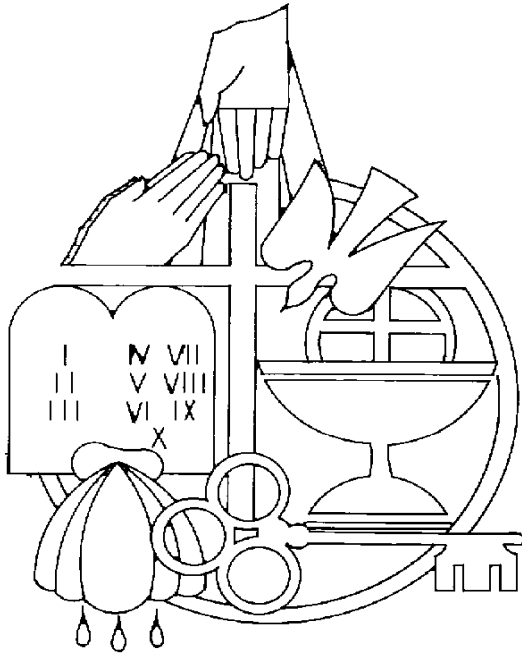


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE SEVENTH 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)



This Week in the Church Year

The wisdom of God is foolishness to man, and the righteousness of God is offensive to man, especially because He reveals Himself by the ways and means of the Cross. Where sinful man is very savvy in the ways of the world, knowing how best to curry the favor of others and carefully using his talents and treasures to his own advantage, the Lord is rich in His grace and mercy toward us. Although we are sinful and unclean and most often prone to unbelief, the Lord bestows His good gifts upon us, both for this body and life and especially for the eternal life of body and soul in Christ Jesus, our Savior. So does He require of His ministers that they be faithful in their stewardship of His gifts, that is, that they be zealous and diligent in preaching the Gospel and forgiving sins.

Emphasis: The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy Toward Us

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 113 (and/or one or more of the appointed daily 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>	110, 150	62, 145	13, 146	119:33–40, 96, 147:1–11	116, 147:12–20	85, 148	61, 149
<i>Evening</i>	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	92, 132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

**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: 1 Timothy 2:5–6a

There is one God, and one Mediator also between God and men,
the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.

Readings for the Seventh Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Sunday, 18 September 2016

Nehemiah 1:1—2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1–20

Monday, 19 September 2016

Nehemiah 2:11–20; 4:1–6; 1 Timothy 2:1–15

Tuesday, 20 September 2016

Nehemiah 4:7–23; 1 Timothy 3:1–16

Wed'sday, 21 Sept '16 (The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)

Nehemiah 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Timothy 4:1–16

(Ezekiel 2:8—3:11; Ephesians 4:7–16; and St. Matthew 9:9–13)

Thursday, 22 September 2016 (The Prophet Jonah)

Nehemiah 7:1–4; 8:1–18; 1 Timothy 5:1–16

Friday, 23 September 2016

Nehemiah 9:1–21; 1 Timothy 5:17—6:2

Saturday, 24 September 2016

Nehemiah 9:22–38; 1 Timothy 6:3–21

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Seventh Commandment

What is the Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Hymns of the Week

“SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY”

LSB #557

[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.

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*]:

(Wednesday, 21 Sept) Collect for the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist:

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an Apostle and Evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Seventh Week in Martyrs' Tide:

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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:

Robert Johnston, as he is recovering from his surgery this past Thursday; Joshua Jordan, Justinian Stuckwisch, Leora Tribble, Lucas Jindra, Teagan Wright, and Kelvin Rodriguez, as they will be confirmed on October the 2nd; David Sams, as he is being catechized in preparation for Holy Baptism; and Pr. Stuckwisch and the rest of the Indiana District BOD, meeting this week.

[*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. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Wednesday, 21 September

St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax-collector: one who was therefore unclean, a public sinner, outcast from the Jews. Yet, it was such a one as this whom the Lord Jesus called away from his occupation and wealth to become a Disciple (St. Matt. 9:9–13). Not only did Matthew become a Disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord's Twelve Apostles (St. Matt. 10:2–4). In time, he became the Evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Among the four Holy Gospels, St. Matthew's portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (5:17) and establishes a New Covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (26:27–28). St. Matthew's Gospel is also well known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (2:1–12); for the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Our Father (chapters 5–7); for the institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (28:16–20). In celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew, we give thanks to God that He has mightily governed and protected His holy Church, also through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pastures with the Holy Gospel.

Commemoration of the Prophet Jonah**Thursday, 22 September**

A singular prophet among the many in the Old Testament, Jonah the son of Amittai was born about an hour's walk from the town of Nazareth. The focus of his prophetic ministry was the call to preach at Nineveh, the capital of pagan Assyria (Jonah 1:1). His reluctance to respond and God's insistence that His call be heeded is the story of the book that bears Jonah's name. Although the swallowing and disgorging of Jonah by the great fish is the most remembered detail of his life, it is addressed in only three verses of the book (1:17; 2:1, 10). Throughout the book, the important emphasis is how God deals compassionately with sinners. Significantly, though, Jonah's three-day sojourn in the belly of the fish is identified by the Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of His own death, burial, and resurrection (St. Matt. 12:39–41).

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

Looking forward to the First Sunday in Angels' Tide 25 September 2016

Hymns:

LSB #520 Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

LSB #521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB #522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise

LSB #674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

LSB #708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB #754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

LSB #768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Amos 6:1–7: Those who live and recline at ease, trusting in the comfort and luxury of their possessions, will be stripped of everything and go into exile—in order to be humbled and, by God's grace, called back to repentance and faith.

1 Timothy 6:6–19: St. Paul admonishes those who are wealthy not to be conceited, nor to put their hope in worldly riches, but to be rich in good works and generous with others. Whether having much or little, Christians are to be content with what the Lord provides, who feeds and clothes one and all in mercy. Covetous desire for that which God has not given is idolatry and the root cause of all sorts of evil, by which many are plunged into ruin and great destruction.

St. Luke 16:19–31: Neither wealth and riches, nor the lack of such worldly treasures, but faith in Christ alone (by His grace alone) is the way of salvation. Such faith is obtained in us, by God, through the preaching of His Word; for faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.