

world. She was also a “worshiper of God” at the local synagogue. When the Apostle Paul encountered her in prayer among other proselyte women, his preaching of the Word brought Lydia to faith in Christ. She and her friends became the nucleus of the Christian community in Philippi (16:13–15, 40). Phoebe was another faithful woman associated with the Apostle Paul. She was a deaconess from Cenchræ (the port of Corinth) whom Paul sent to the church in Rome with his Epistle to the Romans. In it he writes of her support for the work of the early Church (Rom 16:1).

Commemoration of Ph. Nicolai, J. Heermann & P. Gerhardt Wed’sday, 26 October

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) was a pastor in Germany during the Great Plague, which took the lives of 1,300 of his parishioners during a sixth-month period. In addition to his heroic pastoral ministry during that time of stress and sorrow, he wrote the great hymns, “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” known, respectively, as the king and queen of the Lutheran chorales. Johann Heermann (1585–1647), also a German pastor, suffered from poor health as well as from the ravages of the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). His hymns are noted for their tenderness and depth of feeling. Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676) was another Lutheran pastor who lived through the horrors of the Thirty Years’ War. By 1668 he lost his pastoral position in Berlin (for refusing to compromise his Lutheran convictions), and endured the death of four of his five children and his wife. He nevertheless managed to write 133 hymns, all of which reflect his firm faith. He is regarded as one of Lutheranism’s finest hymn writers.

The Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, the Apostles Friday, 28 October

In the lists of the Twelve Apostles (in Matthew 10:2–4; Mark 3:16–19; Luke 6:14–16; and Acts 1:13), the tenth and eleventh places are occupied by Simon the Zealot (or “Cananean”) and by Jude (or “Judas,” not Iscariot but “of James”) who was apparently known also as Thaddaeus. According to early Christian Tradition, Simon and Jude journeyed together as missionaries to Persia, where they were martyred. It is likely for this reason, at least in part, that these two Apostles are commemorated on the same day. Simon is not mentioned in the New Testament apart from the lists of the Apostles. He is remembered and honored for the sake of his office, and thereby stands before us—in eternity, as in his life and ministry on earth—in the Name and stead of Christ Jesus, our Lord. We give thanks to God for calling and sending Simon, along with Jude and all of the Apostles, to preach and teach the Holy Gospel, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness, and to baptize, in the Name of Jesus (John 4:1–2; Matthew 10 and 28:16–20; and Luke 24:46–49).

Jude appears in John’s Gospel (14:22), on the night of our Lord’s betrayal and the beginning of His Passion, asking Jesus how it is that He will manifest Himself to the disciples but not to the world. The answer that Jesus gives to this question is a pertinent emphasis for this festival day: “If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (14:23). Surely both Jude and Simon exemplified, in life and death, their love for Jesus and their faith in His Word. Not only are we thus strengthened in our Christian faith and life by their example, but, above all, we are encouraged by the faithfulness of the Lord in keeping His promise to them, in bringing them home to Himself in heaven. There they live with Him forever, where we shall someday join them.

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

Looking forward to the Sunday of All Saints 30 October 2016

Hymns: LSB #572; LSB #639; LSB #656; LSB #676; LSB #679; LSB #755

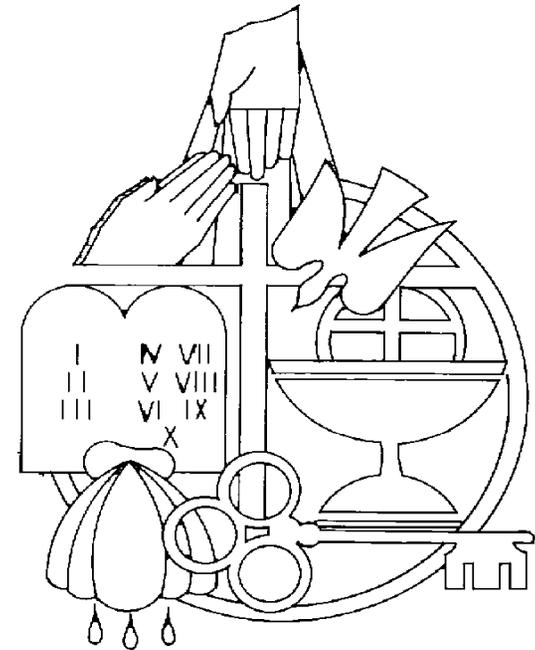
Readings: *Isaiah 1:10–18; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–10; and St. Luke 19:1–10*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIFTH WEEK IN ANGELS’ 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)*



[*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.**

The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of the Lord Sunday, 23 October

St. James of Jerusalem ("James the Just") is described as "the Lord's brother" (Gal. 1:19). Some theologians believe that James was a son of Joseph and Mary and therefore a biological half-brother of Jesus. Others understand the term, "brother," as "cousin" or "kinsman." Along with other relatives of our Lord (excepting His mother), James did not believe in Jesus until following His Resurrection (St. John 7:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:7). After becoming a Christian, James was elevated to a position of leadership in the earliest Christian community. Especially following St. Peter's departure from Jerusalem, James was recognized as the Bishop of the Church in that holy city (Acts 12:17; 15:12ff). According to the historian Josephus, James was martyred by being stoned to death in A.D. 62 by the Sadducees. James authored the Epistle in the New Testament that bears his name. In it he exhorts his readers to remain steadfast in the one true faith, even in the face of suffering and temptation, and to live by faith the life that is in Christ Jesus. Such a faith, he makes clear, is a busy and active thing, which never ceases to do good, to confess the Gospel by words and actions, and to stake its life, both now and forever, in the Cross.

Commemoration of Dorcas, Lydia & Phoebe, Faithful Women Tuesday, 25 October

These women were exemplary Christians who demonstrated their faith by their material support of the Church. Dorcas (also known as Tabitha) was well-known and much loved for her acts of charity in the city of Joppa, especially for making clothes for the poor. When Dorcas died suddenly, the members of her congregation sent to the neighboring city of Lydda for the Apostle Peter, who came and raised her from the dead (Acts 9:36-41). Lydia was a woman of Thyatira, who worked at Philippi selling a famous purple dye that was so much in demand in the ancient

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]:

Collect for the Fifth Week in Angels' Tide:

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Sunday, 23 October): The Collect for the Feast of St. James of Jerusalem:

Heavenly Father, Shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Friday, 28 October): The Collect for the Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles:

Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the Apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Anita Wright & family, mourning the recent death of her aunt, Patty Hager;

Betty Saenz & family, as they mourn the recent death of her brother, Ed Diener;

Pr. Stuckwisch and the other pastors of our Indiana District, as they travel to and from the pastors' conference this week, and as they are gathered there; and

The Church and people of Ethiopia in the midst of severe political unrest.

The Fifth Week in Angels' Tide

23–29 October 2016

This Week in the Church Year

The Christian does not come before God with any personal worthiness or merit, but with his need and his reliance upon the Word of God in Christ Jesus. If we examine ourselves honestly according to the Law, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we could by no means set ourselves free. But in the Gospel—Word and Sacraments we are forgiven all our sins for Jesus' sake, given His life & salvation in place of our death & damnation, and declared to be holy and righteous (justified) on His account, by grace.

Emphasis: In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace Alone

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 5 (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>	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1–18; 147:1–11	97, 147:12–20	51, 89, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	119, 33	16, 62	43, 142, 65	118, 111

**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: St. Luke 18:16b

(Jesus said): “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Readings for the Fifth Week in Angels’ Tide:

Sunday, 23 October 2016 (The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem)

Deuteronomy 24:10—25:10; St. Matthew 16:13–28

(Acts 15:12–22a; James 1:1–12; St. Matthew 13:54–58)

Monday, 24 October 2016

Deuteronomy 25:17—26:19; St. Matthew 17:1–13

Tuesday, 25 October 2016 (Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women)

Deuteronomy 27:1–26; St. Matthew 17:14–27

Wednesday, 26 Oct ‘16 (Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman & Paul Gerhardt)

Deuteronomy 28:1–22; St. Matthew 18:1–20

Thursday, 27 October 2016

Deuteronomy 29:1–29; St. Matthew 18:21–35

Friday, 28 October 2016 (The Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles)

Deuteronomy 30:1–20; St. Matthew 19:1–15

(Jeremiah 26:1–16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; and St. John 15:12–21)

Saturday, 29 October 2016

Deuteronomy 31:1–29; St. Matthew 19:16–30

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The First Article of the Creed (Part I)

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

The Hymns of the Week

“IN GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD”

LSB #745

[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.