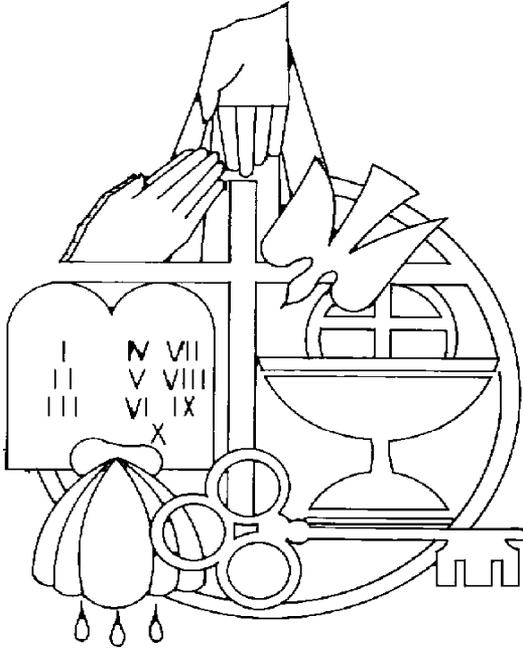


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✝ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✝

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)



This Week in the Church Year

As Jesus catechized Nicodemus concerning the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit (in last week’s Holy Gospel), so does He catechize the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well in this Sunday’s Gospel concerning the same Holy Spirit. For in pointing her to His gift of “Living Water,” He indicates the divine gift of the Spirit, who is poured out generously through Jesus Christ our Lord from His sacrifice upon the Cross. The water and the blood that flow from His riven side bestow the Holy Spirit upon all those who are baptized into Christ. That same Spirit now wells up in us as a fountain of faith and life.

Emphasis: We Worship the Father in the Spirit and the Truth

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 95:1–9 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed’sday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Morning</i>	84, 89, 150	145, 119:73–80	34, 146	5, 147:1–12	27, 147:13–21	22, 148	43, 127, 149
<i>Evening</i>	128, 42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	105, 130	31, 45, 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 Verse: St. John 4:23a

An Hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth.

Readings for the Week of the Third Sunday in Lent:

Sunday, 19 March 2017 (The Feast of St. Joseph, the Son of David)

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

(2 Samuel 7:4–16; Romans 4:13–18; and St. Matt. 2:13–23)

Monday, 20 March 2017

Genesis 29:1–30; St. Mark 9:14–32

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

Genesis 35:1–29; St. Mark 9:33–50

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

Genesis 37:1–36; St. Mark 10:1–12

Thursday, 23 March 2017

Genesis 39:1–23; St. Mark 10:13–31

Friday, 24 March 2017

Genesis 40:1–23; St. Mark 10:32–52

Saturday, 25 March 2017 (The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord)

Genesis 41:1–27; St. Mark 11:1–19

(Isaiah 7:10–14; Hebrews 10:4–10; and St. Luke 1:26–38)

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

“WATER, BLOOD, AND SPIRIT CRYING”

LSB #597

[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]:

(Sunday, 19 March): Collect for the Feast of St. Joseph, the Son of David:

Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His Mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Saturday, 25 March): Collect for the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord:

O Lord, as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ by the message of the angel to the Virgin Mary, so by the message of His Cross and Passion bring us to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

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:

*Dcs. Sandra Rhein, as she travels home from Ethiopia this Monday; and
Herta Johnston, settling into her new home at St. Paul retirement community.*

[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. Joseph, the Son of David**Sunday, 19 March**

Although the Biblical record of St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, is limited, he has been honored throughout the Christian centuries for his faithful devotion in helping the Blessed Virgin Mary raise her Son. St. Matthew relates that Joseph was a just man, who followed the angel's instructions and took the already-pregnant Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:24). In both St. Matthew and St. Mark, Jesus is referred to as "the carpenter's son" (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3). This suggests that Joseph had building skills with which he supported his family. Joseph was an important figure in the early life of Jesus, safely escorting St. Mary and the infant Christ-Child to Egypt (Matthew 2:14), and then settling them back in Nazareth when it was safe to do so (2:22). The final mention of Joseph is at the time the 12-year-old Jesus visits the temple in Jerusalem for the Passover (Luke 2:4ff). St. Joseph, the guardian of our Lord Jesus, has long been associated with caring parenthood as well as with skilled craftsmanship.

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord**Saturday, 25 March**

The Archangel Gabriel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nazareth six months after her elder cousin, St. Elizabeth, conceived St. John the Baptist in her womb (Luke 1:26–38). Gabriel tells Mary that God has shown her favor, and she will give birth to the Messiah. So it is that St. Mary conceives the Son of God, who shall be called Jesus, incarnate in her womb, when the angel speaks the Word of the Lord: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Luke 1:35). The same Spirit who hovered over the waters and brought forth creation (Gen 1:2) will now "hover over" the waters of Mary's womb to conceive the creation's Redeemer. As the Holy Spirit comes upon Mary, she conceives Jesus "through her ear" (Luther). The One who is conceived is the Holy One, the Son of God. This is the moment of the Incarnation of our Lord. The date of the Annunciation falls on March 25th, because in the ancient Church this was the day they believed the Crucifixion occurred. In antiquity people linked the day of a person's conception with the day of his or her death. Thus, in the Annunciation the Church joined together both the Incarnation of Jesus and the Atonement He accomplished.

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

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Lent**26 March 2017**

Hymns: LSB #545; LSB #556; LSB #562; LSB #571; LSB #743; LSB #756

Isaiah 42:14–21: *The Lord expresses His frustration with the people for their blindness and stubborn rejection of His Words and promises. Yet, in His mercy, He will lead them in His Way and shine His light upon them in righteousness.*

Ephesians 5:8–14: *Addressing the baptized children of God, St. Paul reminds them that they were formerly in darkness, slaves to sin and death, but the Lord has brought them out of darkness into the light of Christ. So are we likewise admonished to "arise from the dead," and to live as "children of the Light."*

St. John 9:1–41: *Jesus opens the eyes of the man born blind, which leads to a controversy with those leaders of the Jews who had rejected Jesus as the Christ. Thus, the one born blind is brought to sight, not only in his body but in faith; while those who are able to see with their eyes are blind to the Truth of God.*