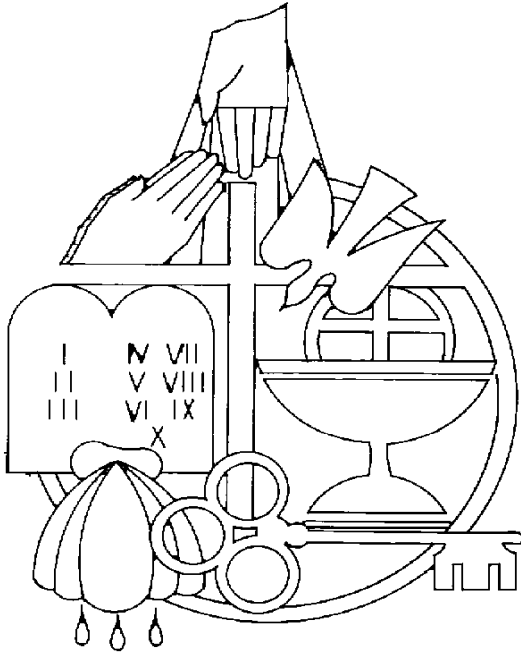


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✝ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✝

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✝ **THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE** ✝

*“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***

*For many centuries, across the entire Church, both East and West, the Holy Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter has been the appearance of the resurrected Christ to His Apostles—on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, when Thomas was not present, and then again on the Eighth Day of Easter, when He brought Thomas from his doubts and unbelief to faith and confidence in Him. We note especially the means of grace in this Gospel: the holy wounds of Christ, which are opened to us in His Body and Blood in the Holy Communion, and His Word of Holy Absolution in the Office of the Keys.*

***Emphasis: Christ Jesus Bestows His Spirit through Absolution***

***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 148**    (*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>	93, 150	97, 145	92, 146	99, 147:1–12	47, 147:13–21	96, 105	98, 149
<i>Evening</i>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	9, 118	68, 113	49, 138	23, 114

**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: Romans 6:9***

Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

***Readings for the Second Week of Eastertide:***

***Sunday, 23 April 2017***      (*The Octave of the Resurrection*)

Exodus 20:1–24; St. Luke 4:1–15

***Monday, 24 April 2017***      (*Johann Walter, Lutheran Kantor*)

Exodus 22:20—23:13; St. Luke 4:16–30

***Tuesday, 25 April 2017***      (*The Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist*)

Exodus 23:14–33; St. Luke 4:31–44

(*Isaiah 52:7–10; 2 Timothy 4:6–18; and St. Mark 16:14–20*)

***Wednesday, 26 April 2017***

Exodus 24:1–18; St. Luke 5:1–16

***Thursday, 27 April 2017***

Exodus 25:1–22; St. Luke 5:17–39

***Friday, 28 April 2017***

Exodus 31:1–18; St. Luke 6:1–19

***Saturday, 29 April 2017***

Exodus 32:1–14; St. Luke 6:20–38

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Catechism: Confession & Holy Absolution, Part III*

*Which are these? (i.e. Which are these sins that you should know and feel in your heart, and so confess before the pastor?)*

**Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?**

### **The Hymns of the Week**

**“O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING”**

**LSB #470**

*[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*]:

(*Tuesday, 25 April*): *Collect for the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist:*

**Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel through the Evangelist Mark. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings and daily walk according to 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)**

*Collect for the Second Week of Eastertide:*

**Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's Resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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:*

*Expectant mothers and their unborn children among our extended family and friends, including Anna Hart, Brittany Hertl, Emma Casey, Hannah Stuckwisch, Kristina Odom, Melissa Rodriguez, and Mackenzie Larsen.*

[*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 Johann Walter, Lutheran Kantor**

**Monday, 24 April**

*Johann Walter (1496-1570) began service at the age of 21 as a composer and bass singer in the court chapel of Frederick the Wise. In 1524, he published a collection of hymns arranged according to the church year. It was well received and served as the model for numerous subsequent hymnals. In addition to serving for 30 years as kantor (church musician) in the cities of Torgau and Dresden, he also assisted Martin Luther in the preparation of the Deutsche Messe (1526). Walter is remembered as the first Lutheran kantor and composer of church music.*

**The Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist**

**Tuesday, 25 April**

*St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some early Church Fathers, when the Christians in Rome asked him to write down the preaching of the Apostle Peter. Mark, also known as John Mark, was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:12). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (12:25) before setting out with them on the first*

missionary journey. When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (15:37–40). Later on Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria and became its first bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr's death.

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

**Looking forward to the Third Sunday of Easter**

**30 April 2017**

**Hymns:**

- LSB #458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
- LSB #476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow
- LSB #483 With High Delight Let Us Unite
- LSB #601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized
- LSB #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- LSB #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
- LSB #756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

**Acts 2:14–41:** *The preaching of the Apostle St. Peter on the first Christian Pentecost calls all people to repentance and to faith in the risen Lord Jesus. For the gift of the Holy Spirit and the promise of forgiveness, life & salvation in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, “is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” Soli Deo Gloria*

**1 Peter 1:17–25:** *You have been redeemed from the futility of your sinful life, not with perishable things like gold and silver, but with the precious blood of the spotless Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Therefore, even though your own mortal flesh—together with all the temporal world—wither and fades like the grass, the Word of the Lord that is preached to you endures forever and preserves you.*

**St. Luke 24:13–35:** *The precious Holy Gospel for which our congregation is named (“Emmaus”) sets forth the way of catechesis: on the road with Jesus. He, by the preaching of His Word and with His Holy Spirit, opens the eyes of your heart and mind to see Him by faith throughout the Holy Scriptures and in the life of His Church on earth. In particular, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ is with us and reveals Himself to us in the “Breaking of the Bread,” in the Holy Communion. His Body is not in the empty tomb, but at His Altar in His Church.*