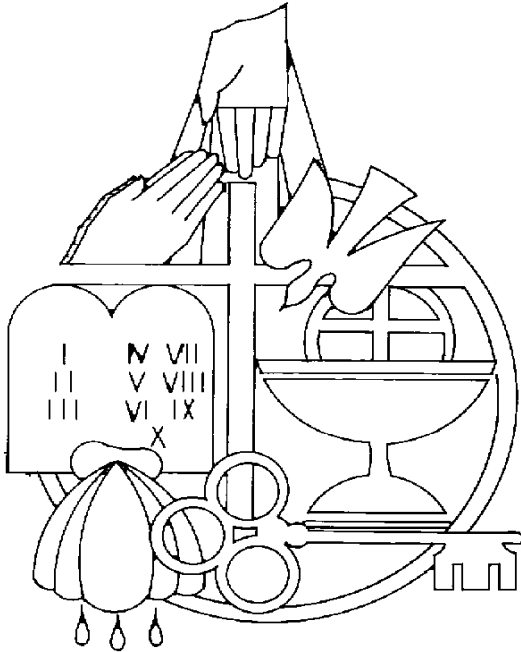


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIRST 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 Commemoration of St. Laurence, a third-century deacon and martyr of the Church in Rome, this past Thursday (10 August), has marked the beginning of Martyrs' Tide in the post-Pentecost life of the Church on earth. During this time, we are reminded especially of the way in which we live, by repentant faith, under the Cross of Christ; we rejoice that we are counted worthy to bear His Cross — and thereby to share His glory. All the more so do we give thanks that, when the Cross lies heavy upon us and we are tempted to look away from Christ the Crucified and shut our ears to His Word, He comes to lay hold of us and sets us firmly upon the waters of our Baptism within His Church.

Emphasis: Christ Crucified Comes to Save Us with His Cross

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 18:1–16 (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>	19, 150	136, 145	123, 146, 34:11–22	15, 147:1–12	36, 147:13–21	130, 148	56, 149
<i>Evening</i>	81, 113	97, 112	45, 30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62

**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. Matthew 14:27

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Readings for the First Week of Martyrs’ Tide:

Sunday, 13 August 2017

1 Samuel 31:1–13; 1 Corinthians 7:1–24

Monday, 14 August 2017

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

Tuesday, 15 August 2017 (*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*)

Wednesday, 16 August 2017 (*The Patriarch Isaac*)

2 Samuel 6:1–19; 1 Corinthians 9:1–23

Thursday, 17 August 2017 (*Johann Gerhard, Theologian*)

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

Friday, 18 August 2017

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

Saturday, 19 August 2017 (*Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter & Theologian*)

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

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: Christian Questions & Answers (continued & concluded)

After Individual Confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, the Pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

15. *What should we do when we eat Christ's body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: 'This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and Man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?*

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord.

Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: *First*, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. *Second*, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in First John 2 and 5. *Third*, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; First Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and Second Timothy 2.

[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]:

Collect for the First Week of Martyrs' Tide:

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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.*

[*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. Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, 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 (St. Luke 1:30-35, 42). According to Tradition, Mary went with the Apostle John to Ephesus, where she died.

Commemoration of the Patriarch Isaac, the Son of Abraham Wednesday, 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 Thursday, 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 Saturday, 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.

Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Martyrs' Tide 20 August 2017

Hymns: LSB #604; LSB #615; LSB #668; LSB #696; LSB #726; LSB #773

Readings: *Isaiah 56:1-8; Romans 11:1-32; and, Saint Matthew 15:21-28*