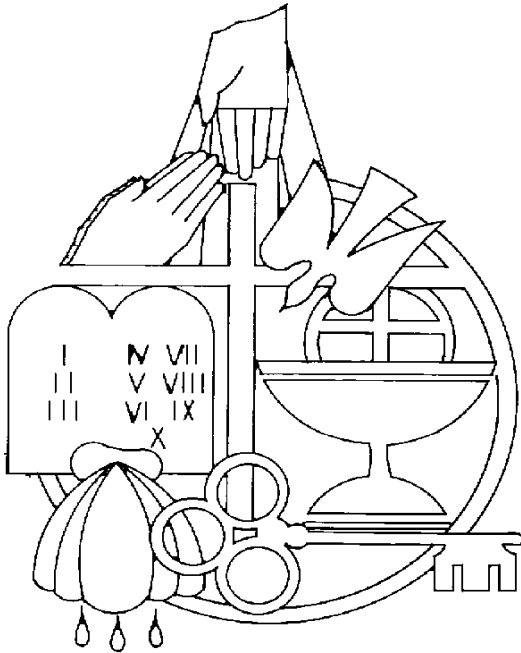


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✦ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✦

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✦ **THE FOURTH WEEK OF 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)*



***This Week in the Church Year***

*In rendering unto Caesar his due as one given temporal authority under God, we also render honor and obedience to the Lord who governs His entire creation by His Word. By the same token, if coins bearing the image and inscription of Caesar are to be rendered unto him in paying taxes, so shall man — who is made in the image and likeness of God — be rendered as a living sacrifice unto the Lord. This is accomplished by that Man who is God incarnate, whose Cross bears the true but ironic inscription: “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” Indeed, it is from the Cross that Jesus reigns as the true King over all the nations of the earth, whom He has redeemed by His precious blood.*

***Emphasis: We Are Recreated in God’s Image by the Cross of Christ***

***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 96:1–9            (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)**

<b><i>Psalms</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday</i></b>
<b><i>Morning</i></b>	110, 150	31, 62, 145	13, 146	98, 147:1–11	116, 147:12–20	85, 148	89, 61, 149
<b><i>Evening</i></b>	66, 23	133, 73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	43, 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: Colossians 2:10***

In [Christ] you have been made complete, and He is the Head over all rule and authority.

***Readings for the Fourth Week of Angels' Tide:***

***Sunday, 22 October 2017***

Deuteronomy 21:1–23; St. Matthew 16:1–12

***Monday, 23 October 2017 (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)*

***Tuesday, 24 October 2017***

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

***Wednesday, 25 October 2017 (Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women)***

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

***Thursday, 26 Oct 2017 (Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman & Paul Gerhardt)***

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

***Friday, 27 October 2017***

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

***Saturday, 28 October 2017 (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)*

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Catechism: The Conclusion of the Ten Commandments*

*What does God say about all these Commandments?*

**He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My Commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)**

*What does this mean?*

**God threatens to punish all who break these Commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these Commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME”**

**LSB #940**

*[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 Fourth Week of Angels' Tide:*

**O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Monday, 23 October): 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)**

*(Saturday, 28 October): Collect for the Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, the 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:*

*The pastors of the Indiana District as they are meeting in conference this week;  
Dcs. Rhein, as she is traveling home to South Bend on Monday of this week;  
Rev. Paul & Elicia Doellinger of Cassopolis, mourning their unborn child;  
The Reformation Festival at Calvary, Plymouth, this coming Sunday; and  
Nicholai & Hannah Stuckwisch, as they welcome their baby daughter.*

[*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. James of Jerusalem, Brother of the Lord** **Monday, 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** **Wednesday, 25 Oct**

*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 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 Cenchrae (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 Nicolai, Heermann, and Gerhardt** **Thursday, 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** **Saturday, 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.

**Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Angels’ Tide** **29 October 2017**

**Hymns:** LSB #401; LSB #461; LSB #564; LSB #579; LSB #745; LSB #822

**Readings:** *Leviticus 19:1–18; 1 Thess. 2:1–13; and St. Matthew 22:34–46*