

**Commemoration of St. Clement of Rome, Pastor****Thursday, 23 November**

*Clement (ca. A.D. 35–100) is remembered for having established the pattern of apostolic authority that governed the Christian Church during the first and second centuries. He also insisted on keeping Christ at the center of the Church's worship and outreach. In a letter to the Christians at Corinth, he emphasized the centrality of Jesus' death and resurrection: "Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ, realizing how precious it is to His Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world" (1 Clement 6:31). Prior to suffering a martyr's death by drowning, he displayed a steadfast, Christ-like love for God's redeemed people, serving as an inspiration to future generations to continue to build the Church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ as the one and only cornerstone.*

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

**Looking forward to the Last Sunday before Advent**

**26 November 2017**

**Hymns:**

- LSB #395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
- LSB #512 At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow
- LSB #532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
- LSB #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- LSB #639 Wide Open Stand the Gates Adorned with Pearl
- LSB #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- LSB #851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

**Ezekiel 34:11–24:** *The Lord God Almighty, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, shall gather His scattered flock and restore them to rich pastures. He Himself shall be their one great Good Shepherd, who shall feed them and lead them, guard & protect them. He shall discipline the proud, to bring them to repentance, and strengthen the weak with the precious Word of His Gospel.*

**1 Corinthians 15:20–28:** *As Christ by His Cross has conquered death on our behalf, so is His Resurrection from the dead the guarantee of our own bodily resurrection. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ are all made alive by grace through faith in His Gospel. In Holy Baptism, we are crucified, dead & buried with Him, and therefore do we also share in His Resurrection and His Life.*

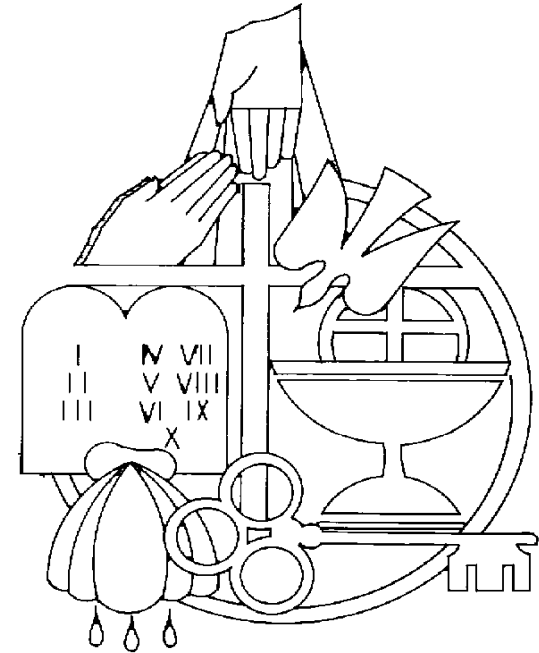
**St. Matthew 25:31–46:** *The Word of the Lord concerning the separation of the sheep and the goats depicts the final judgment, when all mankind, the living and the dead, shall be divided by the Cross of Christ. As He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many, so do those who live by faith in His Cross gladly love and serve their neighbor for His sake. For having received all good things in Him by grace, it is no longer they who live, but Christ lives in them. Thus, the loving service of His Cross continues, not only in the preaching and administration of the Gospel in His Church, but also in the words and deeds of love with which His dear Christians give care unto others.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✚ **THE SECOND LAST WEEK BEFORE ADVENT** ✚

***"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)*

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*In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:*

*Rev. Galen Drawbaugh in his service as our South Bend Circuit Visitor; and  
Linda Levine, as she is recovering from the amputation of her lower leg; and  
Sarah Rhein and her unborn child, as she anticipate labor and delivery soon.*

**[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 Elizabeth of Hungary**

**Sunday, 19 November**

*Born in Pressburg, Hungary, in 1207, Elizabeth was the daughter of King Andrew II and his wife Gertrude. Given as a bride in an arranged political marriage, Elizabeth became the wife of Louis of Thuringia in Germany at the age of 14. She had a spirit of Christian generosity and charity, and the home she established for her husband and three children in the Wartburg Castle at Eisenach was known for its hospitality and family love. Elizabeth often supervised the care of the sick and needy and even gave up her bed to a leper at one time. Widowed at the age of 20, she made provisions for her children and entered into an austere life as a nun in the Order of Saint Francis. Her self-denial led to failing health and an early death in 1231 at the age of 24. Remembered for her self-sacrificing ways, Elizabeth is commemorated by the many hospitals named for her around the world.*

**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 Second-Last Week Before Advent:*

**Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Thursday, 23 November): Collect for the National Thanksgiving Holiday*

**Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; 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 Second Last Week before Advent**

**19–25 November 2017**

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

*In the light of the Lord's approaching return for the judgment of the world, the Parable of the Talents describes the stewardship of those gifts Christ freely gives in this life on earth. Each of His disciples is entrusted with different vocations and a variety of gifts, which are both a blessing and a responsibility. To whom much has been given, much shall be expected; by the same token, he who is unfaithful in a little shall not be given more, but stands to lose even what he has. It is a sobering reminder that our lives and our possessions are not our own, but a sacred trust from the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Yet, as we are thereby called to repentance, we are called to receive the free and full forgiveness of all our sins, which is the Lord's most bountiful gift and treasure of all. And as we are thus forgiven, so shall we in turn forgive those who sin against us.*

***Emphasis: The Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Forgiveness of Others***

### ***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 90:1–12 (and/or one or more of the daily Psalms listed below)**

<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Morning</b>	110, 150	62, 145	13, 146	96, 147:1–11	104, 116, 147:12–20	85, 148	61, 149
<b>Evening</b>	66, 23	73, 8	36, 5	132, 134	65, 26, 130	25, 40	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: St. Matthew 25:29a*

“To everyone who has, more shall be given,  
and he will have an abundance.”

*Readings for the Second Last Week before Advent:*

*Sunday, 19 November 2017* (Elizabeth of Hungary)

Jeremiah 38:1–28; St. Matthew 27:57–66

*Monday, 20 November 2017*

Daniel 1:1–21; St. Matthew 28:1–20

*Tuesday, 21 November 2017*

Daniel 2:1–23; Revelation 18:1–24

*Wednesday, 22 November 2017*

Daniel 2:24–49; Revelation 19:1–21

*Thursday, 23 November 2017* (St. Clement of Rome) (Thanksgiving Day)

Daniel 3:1–30; Revelation 20:1–15

*Friday, 24 November 2017*

Daniel 4:1–37; Revelation 21:1–8

*Saturday, 25 November 2017*

Daniel 5:1–30; Revelation 21:9–27

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Second Article of the Creed (Part II)*

*What is the Second Article of the Creed?*

**I believe 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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR”**

**LSB #508**

[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.**