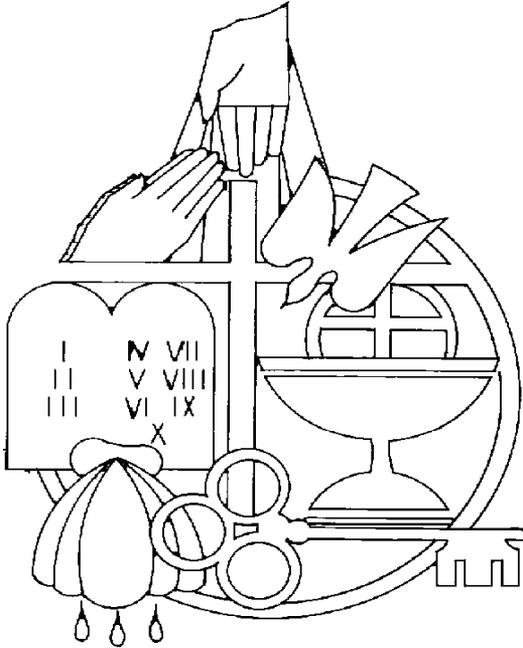


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIRST WEEK OF EPIPHANY 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

Along with the visit of the Magi and the sign of water-into-wine at the wedding in Cana, the Baptism of our Lord Jesus is a primary Epiphany of the one true God in the flesh and blood of His incarnate Son. The Season of Epiphany is characterized by such gracious manifestations of His divine Glory among us. As the Holy Triune God formed creation out of water by His Word and Holy Spirit, so does He make of us a new creation by the water, Word, and Spirit of our Baptism into Christ Jesus. For the Voice of the Father and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus received in His Baptism, are granted to us in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, whereby we die and are raised to life with Him.

Emphasis: The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in Holy Baptism

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 29 (*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>	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1–18; 147:1–11	97, 147:12–20	51, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111

**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. Mark 1:11b

“You are My Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased.”

Readings for the First Week of Epiphany Tide:

Sunday, 7 January 2018 (The Baptism of Our Lord)

Ezekiel 1:1–14, 22–28; Romans 1:1–17

Monday, 8 January 2018

Ezekiel 2:1—3:11; Romans 1:18–32

Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Ezekiel 3:12–28; Romans 2:1–16

Wednesday, 10 Jan (Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzus & Gregory of Nyssa)

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 19–32; Romans 2:17–29

Thursday, 11 January 2018

Ezekiel 33:1–20; Romans 3:1–18

Friday, 12 January 2018

Ezekiel 34:1–24; Romans 3:19–31

Saturday, 13 January 2018

Ezekiel 36:13–28; Romans 4:1–25

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Second Petition of the Our Father

What is the Second Petition? **Thy Kingdom Come.**

What does this mean?

The Kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's Kingdom come?

God's Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Hymns of the Week

“GOD’S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT”

LSB #594

[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 Collect of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:

Collect for the First Week of Epiphany Tide:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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:

*Linda Levine, as she continues rehab following the recent loss of her leg; and
Elfrieda Kuespert, as she has been suffering various afflictions of the flesh.*

[*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 Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus & Gregory of Nyssa **Wednesday, 10 Jan**
St. Basil the Great of Caesarea, and the two St. Gregorys—the three of them known, collectively, as the Cappadocian Fathers—were leaders of Christian orthodoxy in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in the later fourth century. Basil and Gregory of Nyssa were brothers; Gregory of Nazianzus was their friend. All three of them were influential in shaping the theology ratified by the Council of Constantinople in 381, which is confessed in the Nicene Creed. Their defense of the doctrines of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Trinity, together with their contributions to the liturgy of the Eastern Church, make them among the most influential Christian teachers and theologians of all time.

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

Hymns:

- LSB #395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
LSB #399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
LSB #402 The Only Son from Heaven
LSB #525 Crown Him with Many Crowns
LSB #540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate
LSB #589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens
LSB #901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 Samuel 3:1–20: Young Samuel is called to become a Prophet of the Lord. As His servant, Samuel must first of all listen to the Word of the Lord, and then speak it faithfully without withholding anything. For it is only by His Word that the Lord reveals Himself—to His ministers and to His people, one and all.

1 Corinthians 6:12–20: “All things are lawful” in the freedom of the Gospel, “but not all things are profitable” according to the Christian law of faith and love. Our bodies do matter, and what we do with our bodies matters, because our bodies also have been saved and will be raised to everlasting life with God in heaven. It is in our bodies that we receive the Holy Spirit, by and through the means of grace including the very Body and Blood of Christ Jesus. Flee the immorality of gluttony and lust, and rather serve your neighbor for Jesus’ sake. For “you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”

St. John 1:43–51: Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to discipleship, that is, to follow Him and to learn from Him how to live and die by grace through faith. To skeptical Nathanael, Jesus manifests Himself as the Son of God, in whom all the fullness of God dwells bodily, and on whom the angels ascend and descend.