

God's people were hewn (Isaiah 51:1-2)—so the people of God in the New Testament would begin with this man—the Apostle, Simon Peter, who as a minister of the Gospel served as the rock on which Christ would build His Church. Yet, St. Peter was not alone in this ministry; the “Keys” that were given to him here were given to all the Disciples in St. Matthew 18:18 and St. John 20:21-23. As St. Paul tells us, St. Peter and the other Apostles (and the Prophets) together are formed as the foundation of the Church, of which Christ Jesus Himself is the Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). The Confession of Peter, therefore, is the witness of the entire apostolic band, which is foundational in the building of Christ's Church. So do we give thanks to God for St. Peter and the other Apostles who have instructed Christ's holy Church in His divine and saving truth.

Commemoration of the Matriarch Sarah

Saturday, 20 January

Sarah was the wife (and half-sister) of the Patriarch Abraham (Gen. 11:29; 20:12). In obedience to divine command (Gen. 12:1), she made the long and arduous journey west, along with her husband and his relatives, from Ur of the Chaldees to Haran and then finally to the land of Canaan. She remained childless until old age. Then, in keeping with God's long-standing promise, she gave birth to a son, Isaac, the heir of the covenant (Gen. 21: 1-3). Sarah is remembered and honored as the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac. She is also favorably noted for her hospitality to strangers (Gen. 18:1-8). Following her death at the age of 127, she was laid to rest in the Cave of Machpelah (Gen. 49:13), where her husband was later buried.

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

Looking forward to the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Hymns:

- LSB #401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born
- LSB #682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons
- LSB #685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
- LSB #726 Evening and Morning
- LSB #810 O God of God, O Light of Light
- LSB #836 O God of Light, Your Word, a Lamp Unfailing
- LSB #839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Jonah 3:1-10: When the reluctant Prophet Jonah is called and sent a second time to the city of Nineveh, he preaches the Word of the Lord, and the people are called to repentance. In His mercy, the Lord spares them from punishment.

1 Corinthians 7:29-35: St. Paul exhorts you to live by faith, “to fear, love and trust in God above all things,” and so not to attach your heart to this world.

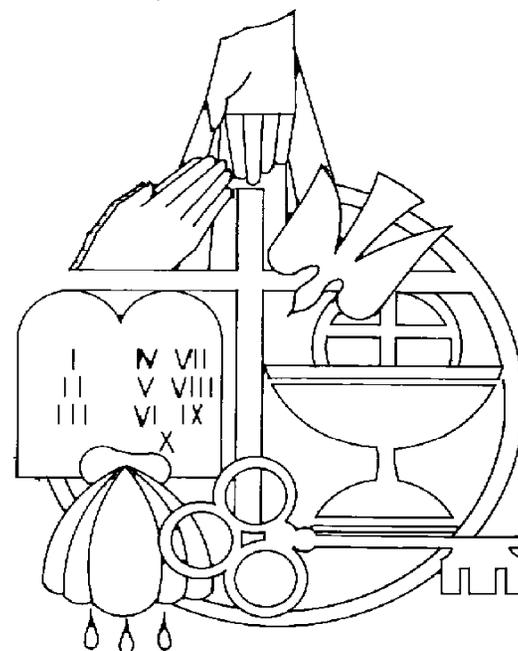
St. Mark 1:14-20: In Christ Jesus, the Kingdom of God is manifestly present among us. Hence, He calls you to repentance—to be turned away from your sin and death—to His forgiveness of all your sins and to life with God in Himself. To that end, He calls the first of His disciples, whom He will send in His Name.

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE SECOND 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)*

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In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Pr. Seyboldt, Dcs. Rhein, and all those attending the Symposia at the Seminary in Fort Wayne throughout this week.

[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 the Confession of St. Peter

Thursday, 18 January

The Confession of St. Peter was made in response to the most important question Jesus asked: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (St. Matthew 16:13–20). The Disciples responded: “John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other Prophets.” But then Jesus asked the Disciples, pointedly, whom they held Him to be. Peter, speaking for the Twelve, replied: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This Confession did not arise in the imagination of Peter’s heart but was revealed to him by the Father. The reason this Confession is important then follows: “You are Peter [Greek Petros], and on this rock [Greek petra] I will build My Church.” As the people of God in the Old Testament began with the person of Abraham—the rock from which

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]:

(Thursday, 18 January): Collect for the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter

Dear Father in heaven, as You revealed to the Apostle Peter the blessed truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, strengthen us by the proclamation of our Savior that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Second Week of Epiphany Tide:

Almighty and Everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & 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 Week of Epiphany Tide

14–20 January 2018

This Week in the Church Year

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to discipleship, and He reveals Himself to be the Son of God, the true King of Israel. Indeed, Jesus the Christ is the one true God, Yahweh, in the flesh and dwelling among us on earth. He is the House of God, the new and greater Temple, wherein we are granted to live in His presence forever. And He is the very gate of heaven, upon whom all the angels and archangels ascend and descend, and by whom we also ascend—by grace through faith—to the Right Hand of the Father. In the Confession of St. Peter, celebrated on the 18th of January, we hear the Ministry of the Gospel, to which Jesus calls Peter & Andrew, James & John, Philip & Nathanael, and by which He makes His gracious Epiphany among us, in His very Body and Blood.

Emphasis: The Lord Manifests Himself in the Apostolic Ministry

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 139:1–10 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

Psalms	<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	15, 147:1–11	89, 36, 147:12–20	130, 148	56, 149
<i>Evening</i>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	118, 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: Isaiah 49:3

He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory.”

Readings for the Second Week of Epiphany Tide:

Sunday, 14 January 2018

Ezekiel 36:33—37:14; Romans 5:1–21

Monday, 15 January 2018

Ezekiel 37:15–28; Romans 6:1–23

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

Ezekiel 38:1–23; Romans 7:1–20

Wednesday, 17 January 2018

Ezekiel 39:1–10, 17–29; Romans 7:21—8:17

Thursday, 18 January 2018 (The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter)

Ezekiel 40:1–4; 43:1–12; Romans 8:18–39

(Acts 4:8–13; 2 Peter 1:1–15; and St. Mark 8:27–9:1)

Friday, 19 January 2018

Ezekiel 44:1–16, 23–29; Romans 9:1–18

Saturday, 20 January 2018 (The Matriarch Sarah)

Ezekiel 47:1–14, 21–23; Romans 9:19–33

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Third Petition of the Our Father

What is the Third Petition? Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious Will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s Will done?

God’s Will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s Name or let His Kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious Will.

The Hymns of the Week

“THE ONLY SON FROM HEAVEN”

LSB #402

[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.