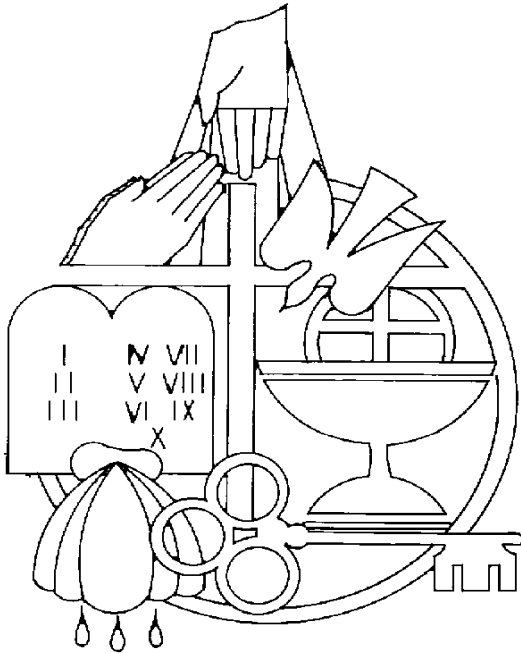


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE** ✚

“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 Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ gives Himself to His disciples, opening His holy wounds to them, eating and drinking with them, and bestowing the Peace of His Spirit upon them. And to all the world He sends His Ministers of the Word, in His Name and stead, to preach repentance unto the forgiveness of sins. This apostolic distribution of His gifts through the Gospel–Word and Sacraments is just as necessary as were the Cross and Resurrection, that we may believe and have life in Christ Jesus our Lord. So do we remember with thanksgiving, on Friday of this week, Johannes Bugenhagen, one of the Lutheran Reformers who was also served as Dr. Martin Luther’s own pastor.

Emphasis: Repentance and Forgiveness Are Preached in Jesus’ Name

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 4 (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> | 93, 150 | 97, 145 | 98, 146 | 99, 147:1–11 | 47, 147:12–20 | 96, 105 | 92, 149 |
| <i>Evening</i> | 136, 117 | 124, 115 | 66, 116 | 8, 118 | 68, 113 | 50, 138 | 23, 114 |

**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. Luke 24:32

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Readings for the Third Week of Eastertide:

Sunday, 15 April 2018

Exodus 32:15–35; St. Luke 6:39–49

Monday, 16 April 2018

Exodus 33:1–23; St. Luke 7:1–17

Tuesday, 17 April 2018

Exodus 34:1–28; St. Luke 7:18–35

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Exodus 34:29—35:21; St. Luke 7:36–50

Thursday, 19 April 2018

Exodus 38:21—39:8, 22–23, 27–31; St. Luke 8:1–21

Friday, 20 April 2018 (*Johannes Bugenhagen, Lutheran Pastor*)

Exodus 39:32—40:16; St. Luke 8:22–39

Saturday, 21 April 2018 (*St. Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian*)

Exodus 40:17–38; St. Luke 8:40–56

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Office of the Keys, Parts I & II

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what Saint John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His Disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (*St. John 20:22–23*)

The Hymn of the Week

“WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE”

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[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 Third Week of Eastertide:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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:

Alexa Smith and Roger Hill, as they are engaged to be married; as well as Oly'Anna Stuckwisch & Matthew Harrison, Alexis Tevlin & Aaron Seyboldt;

*Sylvia Horner (Charley's Mom), recently hospitalized with pneumonia;
Karen Fiechtner (from St. Paul, SB), recovering from successful surgery;
Betty Saenz, recovering from a broken foot following a recent fall; and
Rev. Don Stuckwisch, Sr. (Pastor's father), who has been suffering various ills*

[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.

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

Commemoration of Johannes Bugenhagen, Lutheran Pastor**Friday, 20 April**

Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558), from Pomerania in northern Germany, was appointed pastor of Wittenberg in 1523 through the efforts of Martin Luther and thus served as Luther's own pastor and father confessor. One of the greatest scholars of the Reformation era, he helped translate the New Testament into Low German and wrote a commentary on the Psalms. He also worked to organize the Lutheran Churches in northern Germany and Denmark, journeying to Copenhagen where he crowned both the King and the Queen and consecrated seven men to the offices of superintendent and bishop.

Commemoration of St. Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian**Saturday, 21 April**

*Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as the Archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian Church, affirming that it is the leadership of the church and not the state which has the responsibility of establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book, *Why God Became Man*, which taught that the reason for the incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.*

***Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday of Easter
"Good Shepherd Sunday"*****22 April 2018*****Hymns:***

- LSB #625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*
- LSB #666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*
- LSB #683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*
- LSB #709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
- LSB #740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*
- LSB #756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*
- LSB #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*
- LSB #864 Shepherd of Tender Youth*

Acts 4:1–12: St. Peter preaches repentance & forgiveness in the Name of Jesus.

1 John 3:16–24: The children of God love one another, as Christ Jesus loves us.

St. John 10:11–18: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lays down His life for the sheep.