

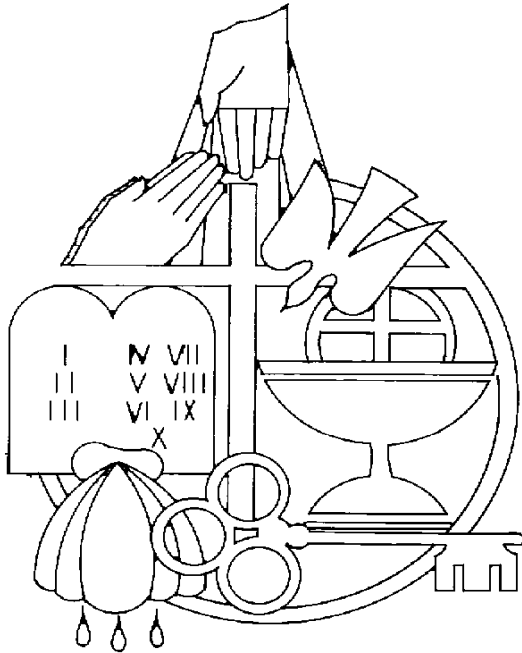
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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE THIRD 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)



The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord

VIII. The Person of Christ (continued...)

...For since the Apostle Peter in clear words testifies [2 Pet. 1:4] that we also, in whom Christ dwells only by grace, on account of that sublime mystery, are in Christ, partakers of the divine nature, what kind of communion of the divine nature, then, must that be of which the apostle says that in Christ dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, so that God and man are one person? But since it is highly important that this doctrine de communicatione idiomatum, that is, of the communion of the properties of both natures, be treated and explained with proper discrimination, -for the propositiones or praedicationes, that is, how to speak of the person of Christ, and of its natures and properties, are not all of one kind and mode, and when they are employed without proper discrimination, the doctrine becomes confused and the simple reader is easily led astray, -the following explanation should be carefully noted, which, for the purpose of making it plainer and simple, may well be comprised under three heads:

Namely, first, since in Christ two distinct natures exist and remain unchanged and unconfused in their natural essence and properties, and yet of both natures there is only one person, hence, that which is, indeed, an attribute of only one nature is ascribed not to that nature alone, as separate, but to the entire person, which is at the same time God and man (whether it is called God or man).

But in hoc genere, that is, in this mode of speaking, it does not follow that what is ascribed to the person is at the same time a property of both natures, but it is distinctively explained what nature it is according to which anything is ascribed to the person. Thus the Son of God was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, Rom. 1:3. Also: Christ was put to death according to the flesh, and hath suffered for us in, or according to, the flesh, 1 Pet. 3:18;4:1.

However, since beneath the words, when it is said that what is peculiar to one nature is ascribed to the entire person, secret and open Sacramentarians conceal their pernicious error, by naming indeed the entire person, but understanding thereby nevertheless only the one nature, and entirely excluding the other nature, as though the mere human nature had suffered for us, as Dr. Luther in his Large Confession concerning the Holy Supper has written concerning the alloiosis of Zwingli, we will here set down Luther's own words, in order that the Church of God may be guarded in the best way against this error.

This Week in the Church Year

The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go; your son will live." And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil.

Emphasis: God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil

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.**

Psalm 119:105–112 *(and/or one or more of the appointed 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	130, 145	42, 146	89:1–18; 147:1–11	89, 97, 147:12–20	51, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 43, 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: II Timothy 2:5

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Readings for the Third Week of Angels' Tide:

Sunday, 20 October 2024

Deuteronomy 19:1–20; St. Matthew 15:1–20

Monday, 21 October 2024

Deuteronomy 20:1–20; St. Matthew 15:21–39

Tuesday, 22 October 2024

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

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

Deuteronomy 24:10—25:10; St. Matthew 16:13–28

Thursday, 24 October 2024

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

Friday, 25 October 2024 (*Dorcas, Lydia, & Phoebe, Faithful Women*)

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

Saturday, 26 October 2024 (*Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, & Paul Gerhardt*)

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

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: Apostles' Creed

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

The Hymn of the Week

“EVENING AND MORNING”

LSB #726

[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 Third Week of Angels' Tide:

Lord, we beseech You to keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works, to the glory of Your Name; 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.*

In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

All who are suffering the effects of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, as well as all who are providing mercy and relief to those in need, especially Charley Horner; and

Rebekah Stuckwisch, Azrielle Horner, Joy Harrison, Oly'Anna Harrison, Moreah Stuckwisch, Rachel Barrett, Anna Hart, and all expectant mothers, their husbands and families, and their unborn children.

[*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 Dorcas, Lydia & Phoebe, Faithful Women Friday, 25 October

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 Cenchræ (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 Saturday, 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 six-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 139 hymns, all of which reflect his firm faith. He is regarded as one of Lutheranism’s finest hymn writers.

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday of Angels’ Tide (Trinity XXII) **27 October 2024**

Hymns:

- LSB #663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
- ES #51 O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee
- LSB #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- LSB #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good
- LSB #919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus
- LSB #539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer
- ES #47 Alas, My God, My Sins are Great
- LSB #820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

Micah 6:6–8: *With what shall we come before the Lord who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams," which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His Body, once hanging dead on a Cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls.*

Philippians 1:3–11: *As partakers of God’s grace in Christ, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus."*

St. Matthew 18:23–35: *Because the Father releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him for Jesus’ sake, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness. As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ’s righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment," for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God."*