

**Commemoration of Martin Chemnitz, Pastor and Confessor Saturday, 9 November**

*Martin Chemnitz (1522–1586) is regarded after Martin Luther as the most important theologian in the history of the Lutheran Church. Chemnitz combined a penetrating intellect and an almost encyclopedic knowledge of Scripture and the church fathers with a genuine love for the church. When various doctrinal disagreements broke out after Luther's death in 1546, Chemnitz determined to give himself fully to the restoration of unity in the Lutheran Church. He became the leading spirit and principal author of the 1577 Formula of Concord, which settled the doctrinal disputes on the basis of the Scriptures and largely succeeded in restoring unity among Lutherans. Chemnitz also authored the four volume Examination of the Council of Trent (1565–1573), in which he rigorously subjected the teachings of this Roman Catholic Council to the judgment of Scripture and the ancient church fathers. The Examination became the definitive Lutheran answer to the Council of Trent, as well as a thorough exposition of the faith of the Augsburg Confession. A theologian and a churchman, Chemnitz was truly a gift of God to the Church.*

**Looking forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup>–Last Sunday of the Church Year** *(Trinity XXV)* **10 November 2024**

**Hymns:**

LSB #755 In the Very Midst of Life  
ES #69 Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee  
LSB #639 Wide Open Stand the Gates  
LSB #658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior  
LSB #336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending  
ES #57 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold  
LSB #672 Jerusalem the Golden

**Job 14:1–6:** *In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble, let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.*

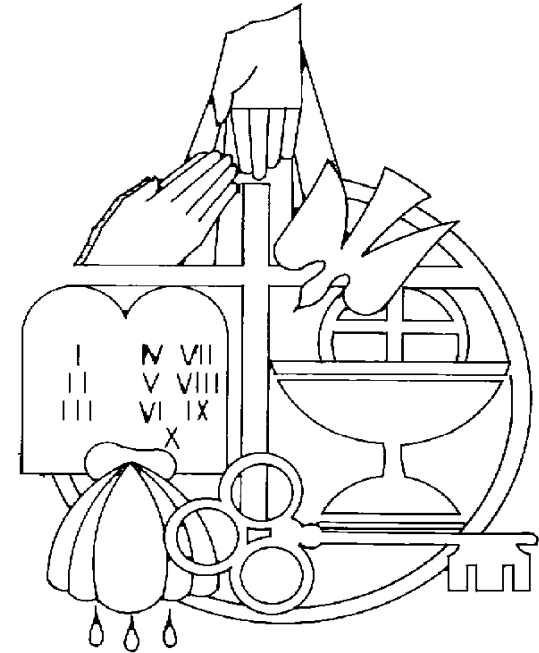
**I Thessalonians 4:13–18:** *The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead.*

**St. Matthew 24:15–28:** *God's Kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. "For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."*

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE WEEK AFTER ALL SAINTS ✚

***"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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## The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord

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

*Dr. Luther says also in his book *Of the Councils and the Church*: We Christians must know that if God is not also in the balance, and gives the weight, we sink to the bottom with our scale. By this I mean: If it were not to be said [if these things were not true], God has died for us, but only a man, we would be lost. But if "God's death" and "God died" lie in the scale of the balance, then He sinks down, and we rise up as a light, empty scale. But indeed He can also rise again or leap out of the scale; yet He could not sit in the scale unless He became a man like us, so that it could be said: "God died," "God's passion," "God's blood," "God's death." For in His nature God cannot die; but now that God and man are united in one person, it is correctly called God's death, when the man dies who is one thing or one person with God. Thus far Luther.*

*Hence it is manifest that it is incorrect to say or write that the above-mentioned expressions (God suffered, God died) are only praedicationes verbales (verbal assertions), that is, mere words, and that it is not so in fact. For our simple Christian faith proves that the Son of God, who became man, suffered for us, died for us and redeemed us with His blood.*

*Secondly, as to the execution of the office of Christ, the person does not act and work in, with, through, or according to only one nature, but in, according to, with, and through both natures, or, as the Council of Chalcedon expresses it, one nature operates in communion with the other what is a property of each. Therefore Christ is our Mediator, Redeemer, King, High Priest, Head, Shepherd, etc., not according to one nature only, whether it be the divine or the human, but according to both natures, as this doctrine has been treated more fully in other places.*

*Thirdly, however, it is still a much different thing when the question, declaration, or discussion is, whether the natures in the personal union in Christ have nothing else or nothing more than only their natural, essential properties; for that they have and retain these has been mentioned above.*

*Now, as regards the divine nature in Christ, since in God there is no change, Jas. 1:17, His divine nature, in its essence and properties, suffered no subtraction nor addition by the incarnation; was not, in or by itself, either diminished or increased thereby.*

[*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 Johann von Staupitz, Father Confessor      Friday, 8 November**

*Johann von Staupitz (ca. 1469–1524), vicar-general of the Augustinian Order in Germany and friend of Martin Luther, was born in Saxony. He studied at the universities in Leipzig and Cologne and served on the faculty at Cologne. In 1503 he was called by Frederick the Wise to serve as dean of the theological faculty at the newly founded University of Wittenberg. There he encouraged Luther to attain a doctorate in theology and appointed Luther as his successor to professor of Bible. During Luther's early struggles to understand God's grace, it was Staupitz who, as Luther's father confessor, counseled Luther to focus on Christ and not on himself.*

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

Collect for the Week after All Saints:

**Absolve, we beseech You, O Lord, Your people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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; and

Luke & Joy Harrison, upon the birth of their son, Nehemiah Bowen Harrison, on Thursday, October 24; and

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

## The Week after All Saints

3 – 9 November 2024

### This Week in the Church Year

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, walked "in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice" and discerned that wisdom "is better than jewels" and "better than gold, even fine gold." When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our "end is destruction." However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered "to God the things that are God's," namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the Cross. The true "riches and honor are with [Him]," because "enduring wealth and righteousness" are found in our heavenly citizenship from which "we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." He "will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious Body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself."

### Emphasis: Render to God the Things of God

#### 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 85

(and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	67, 150	51, 145	54, 107:1–22	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 103	122, 149
Evening	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 90

**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: I Timothy 6:15–16*

The King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, to Him be honor and eternal dominion.

*Readings for the Week after All Saints:*

*Sunday, 3 November 2024*

Jeremiah 3:6—4:2; St. Matthew 22:1–22

*Monday, 4 November 2024*

Jeremiah 5:1–19; St. Matthew 22:23–46

*Tuesday, 5 November 2024*

Jeremiah 7:1–29; St. Matthew 23:1–12

*Wednesday, 6 November 2024*

Jeremiah 8:18—9:12; St. Matthew 23:13–39

*Thursday, 7 November 2024*

Jeremiah 11:1–23; St. Matthew 24:1–28

*Friday, 8 November 2024 (Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor)*

Jeremiah 20:1–18; St. Matthew 24:29–51

*Saturday, 9 November 2024 (Martin Chemnitz, Pastor & Confessor)*

Jeremiah 22:1–23; St. Matthew 25:1–13

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: Apostles' Creed*

*What is the Second Article of the Creed? (Part I)*

**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.**

**The Hymn of the Week**

**“WHO TRUSTS IN GOD A STRONG ABODE”**

**LSB #714**

*[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.**