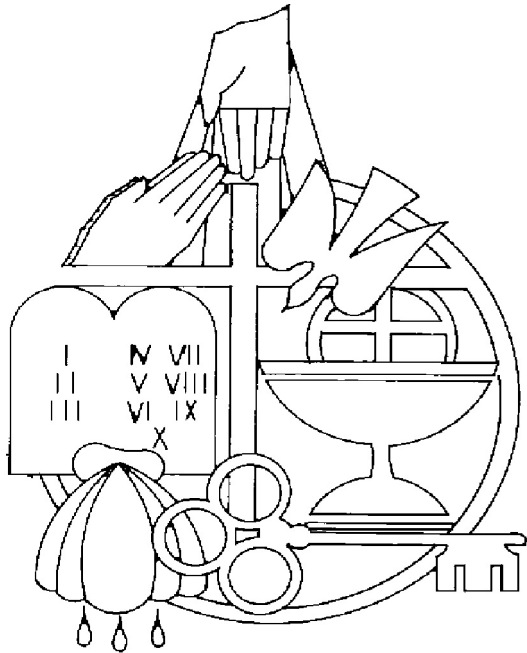


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## ✠ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✠

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

### ✠ THE WEEK OF JUDICA ✠

**“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

### XI. Election (continued...)

*However, that many are called and few chosen is not owing to the fact that the call of God, which is made through the Word, had the meaning as though God said: Outwardly, through the Word, I indeed call to My kingdom all of you to whom I give My Word; however, in My heart I do not mean this with respect to all, but only with respect to a few; for it is My will that the greatest part of those whom I call through the Word shall not be enlightened nor converted, but be and remain damned, although through the Word, in the call, I declare Myself to them otherwise. Hoc enim esset Deo contradictorias voluntates affingere, that is: 35 For this would be to assign contradictory wills to God. That is, in this way it would be taught that God, who surely is Eternal Truth, would be contrary to Himself [or say one thing, but revolve another in His heart], while, on the contrary, God [rebukes and] punishes also in men this wickedness [this wantonness, this dishonesty] when a person declares himself to one purpose, and thinks and means another in the heart, Ps. 5:9; 12:2f. 36 Thereby also the necessary consolatory foundation is rendered altogether uncertain and void, as we are daily reminded and admonished that only from God's Word, through which He treats with us and calls us, we are to learn and conclude what His will towards us is, and that we should believe and not doubt what it affirms to us and promises.*

*For this reason also Christ causes the promise of the Gospel not only to be offered in general, but He seals it through the Sacraments which He attaches as seals of the promise, and thereby confirms it [the certainty of the promise of the Gospel] to every believer in particular.*

*On this account, as the Augsburg Confession in Art. 11 says, we also retain private absolution, and teach that it is God's command that we believe such absolution, and should regard it as sure that, when we believe the word of absolution, we are as truly reconciled to God as though we had heard a voice from heaven, as the Apology explains this article. This consolation would be entirely taken from us if we were not to infer the will of God towards us from the call which is made through the Word and through the Sacraments.*

*There would also be overthrown and taken from us the foundation that the Holy Ghost wishes certainly to be present with the Word preached, heard, considered, and to be efficacious and operate through it. Therefore the meaning is not at all the one referred to above, namely, that the elect are to be such [among the elect are to be numbered such] as even despise the Word of God, thrust it from them, blaspheme and persecute it, Matt. 22:6; Acts 13:46; or, when they hear it, harden their hearts, Heb. 4:2. 7; resist the Holy Ghost, Acts 7:51; without repentance persevere in sins, Luke 14:18; do not truly believe in Christ, Mark 16:16; only make [godliness] an outward show, Matt. 7:22; 22:12; or seek other ways to righteousness and salvation outside of Christ, Rom. 9:31. 40 Moreover, even as God has ordained in His [eternal] counsel that the Holy Ghost should call, enlighten, and convert the elect through the Word, and that He will justify and save all those who by true faith receive Christ, so He also determined in His counsel that He will harden, reprobate, and condemn those who are called through the Word, if they reject the Word and resist the Holy Ghost, who wishes to be efficacious and to work in them through the Word and persevere therein. And in this manner many are called, but few are chosen.*

## The Week of Judica

6 – 12 April 2025

### *This Week in the Church Year*

*In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death." For Jesus came to taste death for us - to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own Blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people. He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his Descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the Cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head. Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the Cross.*

## **Emphasis: Jesus Is Our Redemption**

### *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 43**

*(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>	84; 150	145; 119:73-80	34; 146	5; 147:1- 11	38; 147:12-20	22; 148	43; 89; 149
<i>Evening</i>	42; 32	121; 6	25; 91	27; 51	45; 102	107; 130	31; 143

**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. John 17:19*

Christ says: "For their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

### *Readings for the Week of Judica:*

**Sunday, 6 April 2025** *(Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Dürer, Artists)*

Exodus 1:1–22; St. Mark 14:12–31

**Monday, 7 April 2025**

Exodus 2:1–22; St. Mark 14:32–52

**Tuesday, 8 April 2025**

Exodus 2:23—3:22; St. Mark 14:53–72

**Wednesday, 9 April 2025**

Exodus 4:1–18; St. Mark 15:1–15

*(Leviticus 19:1-2a, 10b-19a, 25b; St. John 10:22-38)*

**Thursday, 10 April 2025**

Exodus 4:19–31; St. Mark 15:16–32

**Friday, 11 April 2025**

Exodus 5:1—6:1; St. Mark 15:33–47

**Saturday, 12 April 2025**

Exodus 7:1–25; St. Mark 16:1–20

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Catechism: Confession & Holy Absolution**

*What sins should we confess?*

**Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the Pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.**

The Hymn of the Week

**"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"**

LSB #430

*[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 Judica:*

**We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Collect for Ash Wednesday (may be used throughout Lent):*

**Almighty and Everlasting God, who hates nothing that You have made and does forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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:*

*Moreah Stuckwisch, Rachel Barrett, Anna Hart, Monica Sams, Theresa Lippincott, Melissa Rodriguez, Dawn Schnare, Alyssa Horner, Emma Patterson, Hannah Walsh, 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 our-selves, 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.*

**Commemoration of Lucas Cranach & Albrecht Dürer, Artists**      **Sunday, 6 April**

*Lucas Cranach (1472-1557), a close friend of Martin Luther, was a celebrated painter of portraits and altar pieces and a producer of woodcuts of religious subjects. Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), a native of Nürnberg, Germany, was one of the most learned of Renaissance artists and also an ardent admirer of Martin Luther. His paintings and woodcuts include examples of the splendor of creation and skilled portrayals of biblical narratives. Both Cranach and Dürer are remembered and honored for the grandeur of their works of art that depict both the glory & majesty and the grace & mercy of the Holy Triune God.*

*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.*

**Looking forward to Palm Sunday**

**13 April 2025**

**Hymns:**

LSB #442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
*various Passion chorale hymn verses*

ES #21 The Royal Banners Forward Go

LSB #434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB #531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB #430 My Song Is Love Unknown

ES #72 If God Had Not Been on Our Side

LSB #441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB #350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB #423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*Exodus 15:27—16:7a: All the main ceremonies of the Triduum are united with Palm Sunday: beginning with the reference to palms, the fickleness of the Israelites, who just crossed the Red Sea in the previous chapter, now grumble against God and His prophet, just as many of those in Jerusalem received the Lord with "Hosanna," only to cry out five days later, "Crucify Him!" The gathering of the manna before the Sabbath recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. The words of Moses and Aaron, "In the evening...and in the morning," connects to the beginning of the Holy Gospel at the Easter Vigil: "After the Sabbath, at the dawn of the first day..."*

*St. Luke 19:29-40: The account of the Triumphal Entry places us in the procession with the people of Jerusalem, for the events that unfold in the following days are for us, too. Here, especially, the admonition of Jesus rings true that, if the children and His disciples were to be silent, even the stones would cry out - even as they will in His resurrection and the going forth of the Gospel among the Gentiles.*

*Philippians 2:5-11: Our Lord rides in humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a Cross. It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, "Truly this was the Son of God!" we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*St. Matthew 26:1—27:66: Jesus' kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name "Barabbas," "son of the Father."*