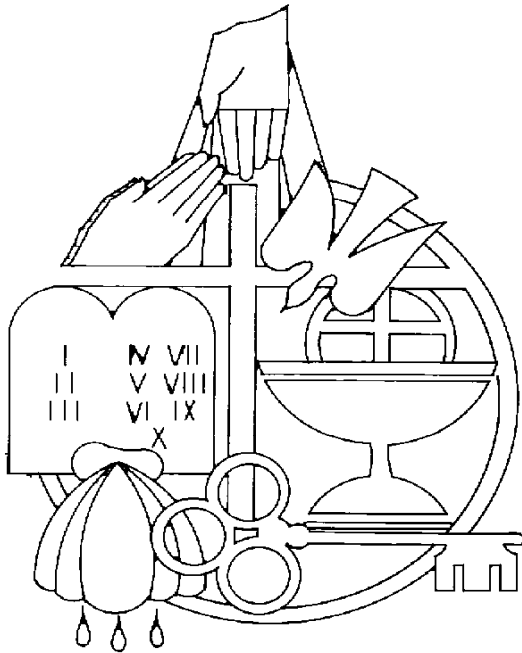


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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE WEEK OF PENTECOST ✚

“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 Feast of Pentecost—the fiftieth day and the “Eighth Sunday” of Easter—fulfills the promise of the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord: The Holy Spirit is poured out as a river of living water from the innermost being of Christ the Crucified, and breathed into His disciples with the forgiveness of sins (Holy Absolution) unto new life. We who could not believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, nor come to Him, are called by the Spirit through the Gospel, enlightened by His gifts, sanctified and kept in the one true faith in Christ. All of this He accomplishes within the gathered community of the one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church, through the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel–Word & Sacraments.

Emphasis: The Spirit Is Poured Out from the Cross of Christ

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 25:1–15 *(and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)*

<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wed’sday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Morning</i>	103, 150	48, 5, 145	78, 42, 146	89:1–18; 147:1–11	97, 147:12–20	51, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	43, 84, 29	27, 102, 133	1, 33	16, 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: St. John 7:38–39a

(Jesus said): “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

Readings for the Week of Pentecost:

Sunday, 11 May 2008 (Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs)

Numbers 21:10–35; St. Luke 21:10–38

Monday, 12 May 2008

Numbers 22:1–20; St. Luke 22:1–23

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

Numbers 22:21—23:3; St. Luke 22:24–46

Wednesday, 14 May 2008

Numbers 23:4–28; St. Luke 22:47–71

Thursday, 15 May 2008

Numbers 24:1–25; St. Luke 23:1–25

Friday, 16 May 2008

Numbers 27:12–23; St. Luke 23:26–56

Saturday, 17 May 2008

Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27; St. Luke 24:1–27

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar, Part III

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “Forgiveness of sins.”

The Hymn of the Week

“O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN”

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

Collect for the Feast of Pentecost Day:

O God, on the Day of Pentecost You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Monday, 28 May): Collect for Pentecost Monday (and for the days following)

O God, who gave Your Holy Spirit to the Apostles, grant us that same Spirit that we may live in faith and abide in peace; 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:

*Linda Levine, who has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis (a lung disease);
Curt Dare, who is struggling to deal with past and present burdens of the flesh;
Bob Juday, with thanksgiving for his recovery following a recent heart attack,
and for the continued restoration of his full health and strength; and
The students of our congregation and among our extended family and friends,
as they complete their studies, write their papers, and take their final exams.*

[*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.

Commemoration of St. Cyril and St. Methodius, Missionaries Sunday, 11 May

Cyril (c. 826-69) and Methodius (c. 815-85) were brothers who came from a Greek family in Thessalonica. The younger brother took the name "Cyril" when he became a monk. After ordination, Cyril became librarian at the great church of the "Holy Wisdom" (Hagia Sophia) in Constantinople. In 862 the brothers were sent by the emperor as missionaries to what is now the Czech republic, where they taught in the native Slavic tongue. Cyril actually invented the alphabet known today as "Cyrillic," which provided a written language for translation of the Divine Liturgy and the Holy Scriptures, in order to serve the Slavic peoples with the Gospel. This use of the vernacular established an important principle for evangelical missions. It demonstrates the ongoing miracle of Pentecost, whereby the one Gospel of Christ is proclaimed in all languages.

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

Hymns:

- LSB #406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
LSB #498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
LSB #504 Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender
LSB #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
LSB #604 I Bind Unto Myself Today
LSB #821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
LSB #876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity
LSB #954 We All Believe in One True God

Genesis 1:1—2:4a: The Holy Triune God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. For the Father speaks His Word, which is in fact the very Son of God; His life-giving Spirit hovers over the waters of the deep; and thereby are all things made. The same creative power of the Word and Spirit of God has called each of us out of darkness into light, out of death into life, from unbelief to faith.

Acts 2:14–36: The continuation of St. Peter’s preaching on the first Christian Pentecost calls sinners to repentance and to faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. It is by and through Him that the Father now pours out His Spirit.

St. Matthew 28:16–20: With His commissioning of the Apostles to speak and act in His Name and with His own authority, Jesus provides for the ways and means of His ongoing presence within His Church on earth. By His divine command and with His Word, Holy Baptism graciously bestows the Name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, upon those who are called to be His disciples. Thus, the Holy Triune God is revealed, sinners are forgiven and adopted as sons of God, united with Christ Jesus, the beloved Son, in His Cross and Resurrection, anointed by His Holy Spirit, and made partakers of the divine nature. The way and life of such discipleship depend upon ongoing catechesis in all that Jesus has taught.