

Commemoration of Queen Esther**Saturday, 24 May**

Esther is the heroine of the Old Testament book that bears her name. Her Jewish name was Hadassah, which means "myrtle." Her beauty, charm, and courage served her well as queen to King Ahasuerus. In that role she was able to save her people from the mass extermination that Haman, the king's chief advisor, had planned. Esther's efforts to uncover the plot resulted in the hanging of Haman on the very same gallows that he had built for Mordecai, her uncle and guardian. The king thereafter named Mordecai the minister of state in Haman's place. This story is an example of how God intervenes on behalf of His people to deliver them from evil, as here through Esther He preserved the Old Testament people through whom the Messiah would come.

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

Looking forward to the First Sunday after Holy Trinity

25 May 2008

Hymns:

- LSB #696 O God, My Faithful God
- LSB #732 All Depends on Our Possessing
- LSB #743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
- LSB #755 In the Very Midst of Life
- LSB #790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- LSB #809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- LSB #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Isaiah 49:8-16a: *With divine compassion, the Lord God has established His Christ as a Covenant for the people, even to the ends of the earth. In mercy He calls all people to Himself and bestows salvation upon them. He feeds them, gives them refreshment from springs of water, and shelters them from all harm.*

Romans 1:8-17: *St. Paul writes of his eager desire to come and preach the Gospel to the Christians in Rome, since it is by the preaching of the Gospel that anyone is saved, by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. So also for each and all of us, our faith and life in Christ continue to rely upon the Word of the Gospel, which is preached to us in His Name; for it is the power of God unto salvation.*

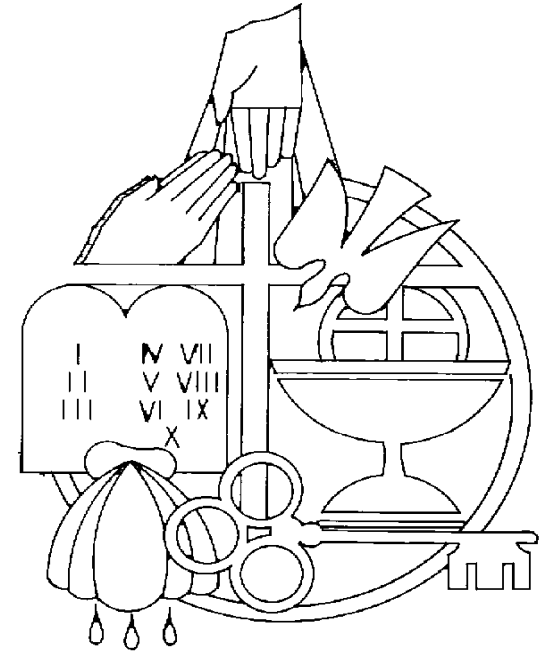
St. Matthew 6:24-34: *True peace and confidence are found in Christ the Lord, who daily and richly provides us with all that we need for this body and life. We receive His gifts with thanksgiving and use them to the glory of His Name, both for our own needs and for the benefit of our neighbors in the world. We do not put our faith and trust in such temporal gifts, which come and go; but whether with much or little, our hope resides in the Lord our God, the Giver of all good.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIRST WEEK OF TRINITY 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)

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Collect for the First Week of Trinity Tide:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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:

Curt Dare, who is struggling to deal with past and present burdens of the flesh; Barbara Pacheco and family, as they mourn the recent death of her mother (Barbara Lillian King) on Sunday the 11th of May (Mothers’ Day); Expectant mothers, including Karin Horner, Naomi (née Rhein) Kavouras, Erika Pacheco, Elizabeth Seyboldt, Anita Wright, and Keri Wright (the wife of Rev. Kyle Wright, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hamlet), that the Lord would keep these women and their unborn children in His care; Justinian Stuckwisch and Teagan Wright, who look forward to receiving their First Holy Communion this coming Sunday (the 25th of May); and John and Doris Bowerman in their ongoing work in Asia.

This Week in the Church Year

The Holy Triune God—the Father, Son & Holy Spirit—the one, true God in three divine Persons: the three equally and eternally divine Persons in the one and only true God—reveals Himself and gives Himself to us in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Therein we are united with the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ, in His Cross and Resurrection; thus do we share His divine sonship, as the adopted sons of God the Father in Christ; and so are we anointed with His Holy Spirit, for the forgiveness of sins unto eternal life and salvation. For God has given us His own Name to bear, and His own Life to share!

Emphasis: The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in His Image

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

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Morning</i>	19, 150	136, 145	123, 146	15, 147:1–11	36, 147:12–20	130, 148	56, 149
<i>Evening</i>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	100, 62

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

[*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 the Emperor Constantine and Helena **Wednesday, 21 May**

Constantine I served as the Roman Emperor from A.D. 306 to 337. During his reign the persecution of Christians was forbidden by the Edict of Milan in 312, and ultimately the faith gained full imperial support. Constantine took an active interest in the life and teachings of the church, and in 325 he called the Council of Nicaea, at which orthodox Christianity was defined and defended. His mother, Helena (ca. 255-329), strongly influenced Constantine. Her great interest in locating the holy sites of the Christian faith led her to become one of the first Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land. Her investigations led to the identification of Biblical locations in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and beyond, which are still maintained as places of worship today.

The Verse: Isaiah 6:3b

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts,
the whole earth is full of His glory!

Readings for the First Week of Trinity Tide:

Sunday, 18 May 2008 (The Feast of the Holy Trinity)

Numbers 35:9–30; St. Luke 24:28–53

Monday, 19 May 2008

Song of Solomon 2:8—3:11; St. John 5:19–29

Tuesday, 20 May 2008

Song of Solomon 4:1—5:1; St. John 5:30–47

Wednesday, 21 May 2008

Song of Solomon 5:2—6:3; St. John 6:1–21

Thursday, 22 May 2008

Song of Solomon 6:4—7:5; St. John 6:22–40

Friday, 23 May 2008

Song of Solomon 7:6—8:14; St. John 6:41–59

Saturday, 24 May 2008 (Queen Esther)

Ecclesiastes 1:1–18; St. John 6:60–71

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar, Part IV

Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, “for you,” require all hearts to believe.

The Hymn of the Week

“ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED”

LSB #596

[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.