

a blinding light and heard the words: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” Saul asked, “Who are You, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” In Damascus, where Paul was brought after being blinded, a disciple named Ananias was directed by the Lord in a vision to go to Saul to restore his sight: “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring My name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel” (Acts 9:15). After receiving his sight, Saul was baptized and went on to become Paul, the great Apostle.

The Feast of St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor

Thursday, 26 January

St. Titus, like Timothy with whom he is often associated, was a friend and co-worker of St. Paul. Titus was a Gentile, perhaps a native of Antioch, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem when they brought assistance to the Christians in Judea during a famine (Acts 11:30, Galatians 2:1). It is not known if he accompanied Paul on his first or second missionary journeys, but Titus was with him on the third, when he helped reconcile the Corinthians to Paul (2 Cor. 7:6–7) and assisted with the collection for the Church in Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:6). It was probably on the return to Jerusalem that Paul left Titus in Crete (Titus 1:4). Afterward he is found working in Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10). According to Tradition Titus returned to Crete where he served as bishop until he died about A.D. 96.

Commemoration of St. John Chrysostom, Preacher

Friday, 27 January

Given the added name of Chrysostom, which means “golden-mouthed” in Greek, Saint John was a dominant force in the fourth-century Christian church. Born in Antioch around the year 347, John was instructed in the Christian faith by his pious mother, Anthusa. After serving in a number of Christian offices, including acolyte and lector, John was ordained a presbyter and given preaching responsibilities. His simple but direct messages found an audience well beyond his home town. In 398, John Chrysostom was made Patriarch of Constantinople. His determination to reform the church, court, and city there brought him into conflict with established authorities. Eventually, he was exiled from his adopted city. Although removed from his parishes and people, he continued writing and preaching until the time of his death in 407. It is reported that his final words were: “Glory be to God for all things. Amen.”

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

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

29 Jan 2012

Hymns:

- LSB #533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal
- LSB #581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands
- LSB #683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
- LSB #754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens
- LSB #818 In Thee Is Gladness
- LSB #842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

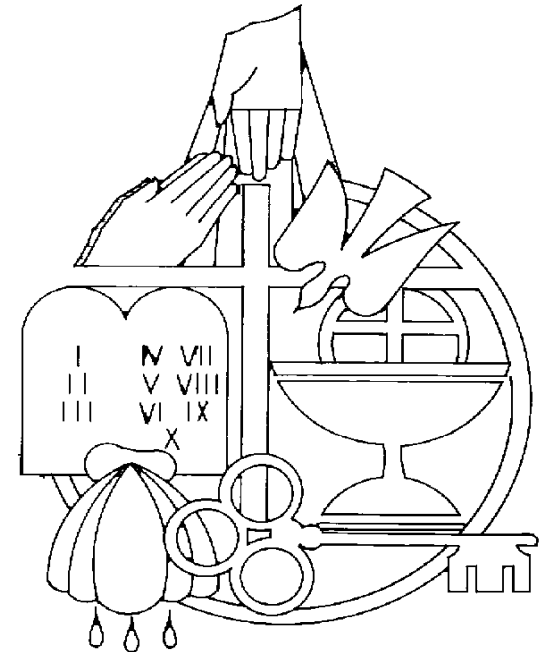
Readings: Deut. 18:15–20; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; and St. Mark 1:21–28

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE THIRD WEEK OF EPIPHANY 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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[*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.

The Feast of St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor

Tuesday, 24 January

St. Timothy had Christian believers in his family. His mother and grandmother, Eunice and Lois, were faithful women who had instructed young Timothy in the Holy Scriptures (2 Tim. 1:5). Acts records that St. Paul met Timothy on his second missionary journey and wanted Timothy to continue on with him (Acts 16:1–3). Over time Timothy became a dear friend and close associate of Paul, who entrusted him with mission work in Greece and Asia Minor. He was also with Paul in Rome. According to Tradition, after Paul's death Timothy went to Ephesus where he served as bishop and was martyred around A.D. 97. Timothy is best remembered as a faithful companion of Paul, one who rendered great service among the Gentile churches.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Wednesday, 25 January

St. Paul's life-changing experience on the road to Damascus is related three times in the Acts of the Apostles (9:1–9; 22:6–11; 26:12–18). As an arch-enemy of Christians, Saul of Tarsus set out for Damascus to arrest and bring believers to Jerusalem for trial. While on the way he saw

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 Epiphany Tide:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Tuesday, 24 January) Collect for the Feast of St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor

Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your means of grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Wednesday, 25 January) Collect for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Almighty God, as You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world, so convert us from the darkness of our unbelief and grant us ever to rejoice in Your saving light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Thursday, 26 January) Collect for the Feast of St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor

Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Pastor Grobien, who will be teaching an intensive at the Seminary this week; Isaac Stone, who will undergo tests and treatment for a cyst on his spine; and Karin Horner's Aunt Jean (in Maine), whose health appears to be worsening.

The Third Week of Epiphany Tide

22–28 January 2012

This Week in the Church Year

The calling of Andrew & Simon Peter, James & John, not only to follow Jesus as disciples, but also to become “fishers of men” (His holy Apostles), points to the Epiphany of God in Christ in the Office of the Holy Ministry; which is reinforced by the Feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul and of St. Timothy & St. Titus, occurring this week. Through the Ministry of the Gospel—the preaching of the Word and the faithful administration of the Holy Sacraments—the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand in the Person of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, who speaks and acts through those whom He has sent.

Emphasis: God is manifested in the Office of the Holy Ministry

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 62 (and/or one or more of the appointed daily 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>	108, 150	27, 145	12, 146	89, 96, 147:1–12	71, 116, 147:13–21	84, 148	63, 149
<i>Evening</i>	66, 23	73, 9	71, 36, 7	67, 132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	125, 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: St. Mark 1:15

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Readings for the Third Week of Epiphany Tide:

Sunday, 22 January 2012

Joel 2:1–17; Romans 11:1–24

Monday, 23 January 2012

Joel 2:18–32; Romans 11:25—12:13

Tuesday, 24 Jan 2012 (The Feast of St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor)

Joel 3:1–21; Romans 12:14—13:14

(Acts 16:1–5; 1 Timothy 6:11–16; and St. Matthew 24:42–47)

Wednesday, 25 January 2012 (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul)

Zechariah 1:1–21; Romans 14:1–23

(Acts 9:1–22; Galatians 1:11–24; and St. Matthew 19:27–30)

Thursday, 26 Jan 2012 (The Feast of St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor)

Zechariah 2:1—3:10; Romans 15:1–13

(Acts 20:28–35; Titus 1:1–9; and St. Luke 10:1–9)

Friday, 27 January 2012 (St. John Chrysostom, Preacher)

Zechariah 4:1—5:11; Romans 15:14–33

Saturday, 28 January 2012

Zechariah 6:1—7:14; Romans 16:17–27

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Fourth Petition of the Our Father

What is the Fourth Petition? Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Hymns of the Week

“O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT”

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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.