

Commemoration of Dorcas, Lydia & Phoebe, Faithful Women Thursday, 25 Oct

These women were exemplary Christians who demonstrated their faith by their material support of the Church. Dorcas (also known as Tabitha) was well-known and much loved for her acts of charity in the city of Joppa, especially for making clothes for the poor. When Dorcas died suddenly, the members of her congregation sent to the neighboring city of Lydda for the Apostle Peter, who came and raised her from the dead (Acts 9:36–41). Lydia was a woman of Thyatira, who worked at Philippi selling a famous purple dye that was so much in demand in the ancient world. She was also a “worshiper of God” at the local synagogue. When the Apostle Paul encountered her in prayer among other proselyte women, his preaching of the Word brought Lydia to faith in Christ. She and her friends became the nucleus of the Christian community in Philippi (16:13–15, 40). Phoebe was another faithful woman associated with the Apostle Paul. She was a deaconess from Cenchrae (the port of Corinth) whom Paul sent to the church in Rome with his Epistle to the Romans. In it he writes of her support for the work of the early Church (Rom 16:1).

Commemoration of Ph. Nicolai, J. Heermann & P. Gerhardt Friday, 26 October

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) was a pastor in Germany during the Great Plague, which took the lives of 1,300 of his parishioners during a six-month period. In addition to his heroic pastoral ministry during that time of stress and sorrow, he wrote the great hymns, “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” known, respectively, as the king and queen of the Lutheran chorales. Johann Heermann (1585–1647), also a German pastor, suffered from poor health as well as from the ravages of the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). His hymns are noted for their tenderness and depth of feeling. Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676) was another Lutheran pastor who lived through the horrors of the Thirty Years’ War. By 1668 he lost his pastoral position in Berlin (for refusing to compromise his Lutheran convictions), and endured the death of four of his five children and his wife. He nevertheless managed to write 133 hymns, all of which reflect his firm faith. He is regarded as one of Lutheranism’s finest hymn writers.

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Angels’ Tide 28 October 2012

Hymns:

- LSB #504 Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender
- LSB #529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus
- LSB #564 Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand
- LSB #713 From God Can Nothing Move Me
- LSB #745 In God, My Faithful God
- LSB #773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray
- LSB #819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Jeremiah 31:7–9: *The Lord gathers His children to Himself from all nations.*

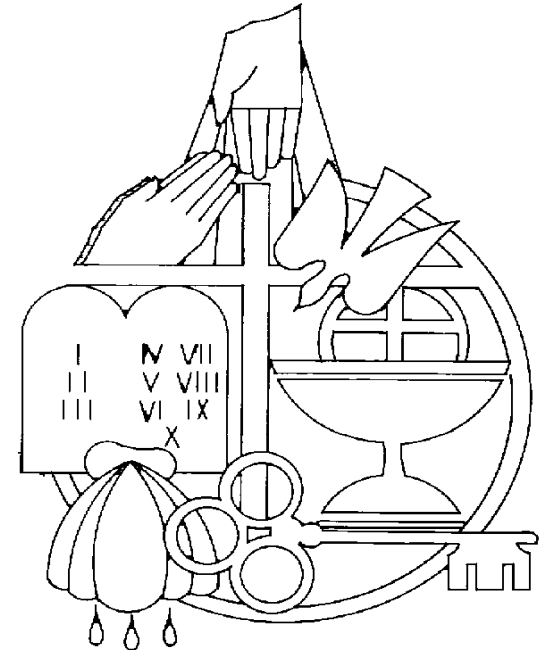
Hebrews 7:23–28: *By His perfect sacrifice, Jesus has become our High Priest.*

St. Mark 10:46–52: *With His Word of the Gospel, Jesus calls us to Himself and opens our eyes to behold Him and believe in Him by faith in His forgiveness.*

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE FOURTH WEEK IN ANGELS’ 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. James of Jerusalem, Brother of the Lord Tuesday, 23 October

St. James of Jerusalem ("James the Just") is described as "the Lord's brother" (Gal. 1:19). Some theologians believe that James was a son of Joseph and Mary and therefore a biological half-brother of Jesus. Others understand the term, "brother," as "cousin" or "kinsman." Along with other relatives of our Lord (excepting His mother), James did not believe in Jesus until following His Resurrection (St. John 7:3–5; 1 Corinthians 15:7). After becoming a Christian, James was elevated to a position of leadership in the earliest Christian community. Especially following St. Peter's departure from Jerusalem, James was recognized as the Bishop of the Church in that holy city (Acts 12:17; 15:12ff). According to the historian Josephus, James was martyred by being stoned to death in A.D. 62 by the Sadducees. James authored the Epistle in the New Testament that bears his name. In it he exhorts his readers to remain steadfast in the one true faith, even in the face of suffering and temptation, and to live by faith the life that is in Christ Jesus. Such a faith, he makes clear, is a busy and active thing, which never ceases to do good, to confess the Gospel by words and actions, and to stake its life, both now and forever, in the Cross.

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*]:

(*Tuesday, 23 October*): Collect for the Feast of St. James of Jerusalem:

Heavenly Father, Shepherd of Your people, You raised up James the Just, brother of our Lord, to lead and guide Your Church. Grant that we may follow his example of prayer and reconciliation and be strengthened by the witness of his death; 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 the Fourth Week of Angels' Tide:

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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.*

The Fourth Week in Angels' Tide

21–27 October 2012

This Week in the Church Year

In the Holy Gospel for the Feast of St. Luke this past week (Thursday), the Lord Jesus called and sent "seventy others" (besides the Twelve Apostles), in His name and with His authority, to every city and place where He Himself would go. In this sending of men to speak His Word and work His works, is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, our Savior—which continues to this day, also in this city and this place, where He Himself comes to bestow His peace and Sabbath rest unto us. In this coming week, the Church commemorates St. James the Just, Bishop of Jerusalem (23 October), and the Apostles, St. Simon and St. Jude (28 October), who were among the first of those to be called, ordained and sent by the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, that He has never failed to raise up such faithful pastors and teachers for His Church on earth.

Emphasis: The Messengers of Christ Are Sent to Us in His Name

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 119:9–16 (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> |
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| <i>Morning</i> | 110, 150 | 62, 145 | 13, 146 | 96, 147:1–11 | 116, 147:12–20 | 85, 148 | 61, 149 |
| <i>Evening</i> | 66, 23 | 73, 8 | 36, 5 | 132, 134 | 26, 130 | 25, 40 | 138, 98 |

**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 10:27b

With people it is impossible, but not with God;
for all things are possible with God.

Readings for the Fourth Week of Angels' Tide:

Sunday, 21 October 2012

Deuteronomy 20:1–20; St. Matthew 15:21–39

Monday, 22 October 2012

Deuteronomy 21:1–23; St. Matthew 16:1–12

Tuesday, 23 October 2012 (The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem)

Deuteronomy 24:10—25:10; St. Matthew 16:13–28

(Acts 15:12–22a; James 1:1–12; St. Matthew 13:54–58)

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Deuteronomy 25:17—26:19; St. Matthew 17:1–13

Thursday, 25 October 2012 (Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women)

Deuteronomy 27:1–26; St. Matthew 17:14–27

Friday, 26 Oct 2012 (Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman & Paul Gerhardt)

Deuteronomy 28:1–22; St. Matthew 18:1–20

Saturday, 27 October 2012

Deuteronomy 29:1–29; St. Matthew 18:21–35

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Conclusion of the Ten Commandments

What does God say about all these Commandments?

He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My Commandments.” (Exodus 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these Commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these Commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

The Hymn of the Week

“REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING”

LSB #737

[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.