

## The Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist

Friday, 25 April

*St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some early Church Fathers, when the Christians in Rome asked him to write down the preaching of the Apostle Peter. Mark, also known as John Mark, was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:12). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (12:25) before setting out with them on the first missionary journey. When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (15:37–40). Later on Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria and became its first bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr's death.*

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

**Looking forward to the Second Sunday of Easter**

**27 April 2014**

### Hymns:

LSB #336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending  
LSB #421 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing  
LSB #467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness  
LSB #470 O Sons and Daughters of the King  
LSB #472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real  
LSB #482 This Joyful Eastertide  
LSB #490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won  
LSB #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized  
LSB #640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

**Acts 5:29–42:** *The holy Apostles, who were eyewitnesses of the life & ministry, the death and Resurrection of Jesus, were entrusted with the Ministry of the Gospel: the preaching of the Cross, unto repentance and the forgiveness of sin.*

**1 Peter 1:3–9:** *By grace through faith, those who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been born again to a living hope in His Resurrection from the dead. For faith in Christ, which is itself God's work and His gracious gift, has for its content the surpassing treasure of Christ Jesus Himself and His salvation.*

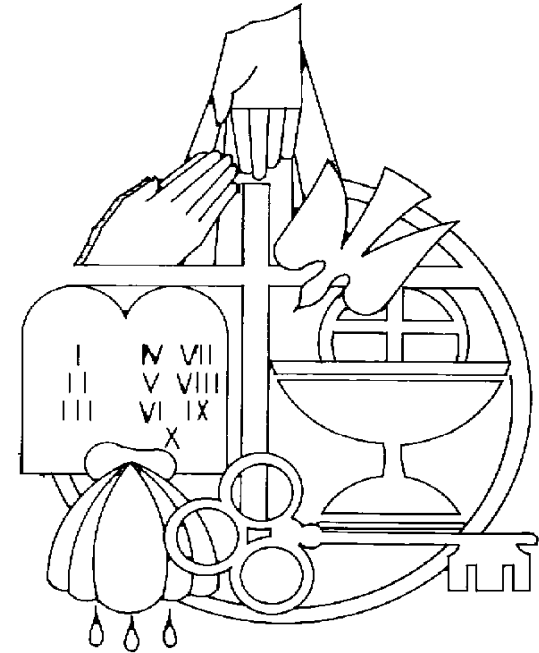
**St. John 20:19–31:** *In the appearance of the risen Lord Jesus to His Apostles (minus Thomas) on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, He gave the Office of the Keys and the gift of Holy Absolution to His Church on earth. By this means of grace, His called and ordained ministers of the Gospel—His “sent ones” (which is what “apostle” means)—grant new life to repentant sinners in His Name and with His Spirit. By the same grace of God, on the Eighth Day of Easter, so was Thomas called from unbelief to faith, from doubt to discipleship.*

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE FIRST WEEK OF EASTERTIDE ✚

*“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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*(Friday, 25 April 2014): Collect for the Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist:*

**Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel through the Evangelist Mark. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings and daily walk according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Themes for Intercessory Prayer for the latter days of the week:*

**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 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.**

[The Collects of the Week and other prayers for the days of the week]:

## The First Week of Eastertide

20–26 April 2014

Collect for the First Week of Eastertide:

**Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s Resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Sunday, 20 April 2014) A Second Collect for the Feast of the Resurrection*

**Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Monday, 21 April 2014) Collect for Easter Monday*

**O God, in the Paschal Feast You restore all creation. Continue to send Your heavenly gifts upon Your people that they may walk in perfect freedom and receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Tuesday, 22 April 2014) Collect for Easter Tuesday*

**Almighty God, through the Resurrection of Your Son You have secured peace for our troubled consciences. Grant us this peace evermore that, trusting in the merit of Your Son, we may come at last to the perfect peace of heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Wednesday, 23 April 2014) Collect for Easter Wednesday*

**Almighty God, by the glorious Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

### ***This Week in the Church Year***

*The Resurrection of Our Lord is celebrated, not only throughout the fifty days of Eastertide, but every Sunday: the Lord’s Day, the day of His Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the eternal “eighth day” marking the dawn of the New Creation. For, indeed, if Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain, and we are of all men most to be pitied. But Christ has been raised, the firstborn from the dead, and the first-fruits of all who believe and are baptized into Him. So, after “holding our breath” during Lent, we exhale with a mighty chorus of Alleluias! Yet, we remember and proclaim the death of Christ til He comes, for it is the Victory of His Cross that is manifest in His Resurrection.*

### ***Emphasis: The Victory of the Cross Is Manifest in the Resurrection***

### ***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 16**        *(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>	93, 150	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1–11	47, 147:12–20	96, 148	92, 149
<i>Evening</i>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114

**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: 2 Timothy 1:10b*

Christ Jesus [has] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

*Readings for the First Week of Eastertide:*

*Easter Sunday, 20 April 2014 (The Feast of the Resurrection)*

Exodus 14:10–31; Hebrews 7:23—8:13

*Easter Monday, 21 April 2014*

Exodus 15:1–18; Hebrews 9:1–28

*Easter Tuesday, 22 April 2014*

Exodus 15:19—16:12; Hebrews 10:1–18

*Easter Wednesday, 23 April 2014*

Exodus 16:13–35; Hebrews 10:19–39

*Easter Thursday, 24 April 2014*

Exodus 17:1–16; Hebrews 11:1–29

*Easter Friday, 25 April 2014 (The Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist)*

Exodus 18:5–27; Hebrews 12:1–24

*(Isaiah 52:7–10; 2 Timothy 4:6–18; and St. Mark 16:14–20)*

*Easter Saturday, 26 April 2014*

Exodus 19:1–25; Hebrews 13:1–21

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: Confession & Holy Absolution, Part II*

*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 Hymns of the Week**

**"AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS"**

**LSB #467**

*[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.**