

**Commemoration of the Prophet Ezekiel****Monday, 21 July**

*Ezekiel, son of Buzi, was a priest, called by God to be a prophet to the exiles during the Babylonian captivity (Ez. 1:3). In 597 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army brought the king of Judah and thousands of the best citizens of Jerusalem—including Ezekiel—to Babylon (2 Kgs 24:8–16). Ezekiel’s priestly background profoundly stamped his prophecy, as the holiness of God and the Temple figure prominently in his messages (for example, Ezekiel 9–10 and 40–48). From 593 B.C. to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 586 B.C., Ezekiel prophesied the inevitability of divine judgment on Jerusalem, on the exiles in Babylon, and on seven nations that surrounded Israel (Ezekiel 1–32). Jerusalem would fall, and the exiles would not quickly return, as a just consequence of their sin. Once word reached Ezekiel that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed, his message became one of comfort and hope. Through him God promised that his people would experience future restoration, renewal and revival in the coming Messianic kingdom (Ezekiel 33–48). Much of the strange symbolism of Ezekiel’s prophecies was later employed in the Revelation to St. John.*

**The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene****Tuesday, 22 July**

*Whenever the New Testament Gospels name the women who followed Jesus, St. Mary Magdalene is listed first (John 19:25 is the only exception), perhaps because she was the first to see the risen Savior. St. Luke (8:2) reports that Jesus cast out seven demons from her. Through the centuries she has often been identified with the repentant “woman of the city” who anointed Jesus’ feet as He sat at the table in the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36–56); but there is no Biblical basis for that identification. Nor is she to be identified with Mary, the sister of Martha, in Bethany. According to the Gospels she saw Jesus die; she witnessed His burial; and she was the first to see Him alive again following His Resurrection (John 20:11–18). Because she was sent by the Lord to announce that good news to His disciples, she has been called “the apostle to the Apostles.”*

**The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle****Friday, 25 July**

*St. James with his brother John, sons of Zebedee and Salome (see Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40), were fishermen in Galilee who were called with Peter and his brother Andrew to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18–22). In the Gospel lists of Jesus’ Apostles, James is listed following Peter and preceding John. Together these three appear as leaders of the Twelve. Because James precedes John, it is reasoned that James is the elder of the brothers. The Acts of the Apostles records that James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I, probably between A.D.42 and 44 (Acts 12:1–2). Thus James was the first of the Twelve to seal his Apostolic Ministry as a Martyr.*

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

*Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Apostles’ Tide*

**27 July 2014**

*Hymns: LSB #621; LSB #673; LSB #696; LSB #713; LSB #754; LSB #766*

*Deuteronomy 7:6–9: By His grace alone, God chose us to be His holy people.*

*Romans 8:28–39: Our salvation is entirely the work of God and His free gift.*

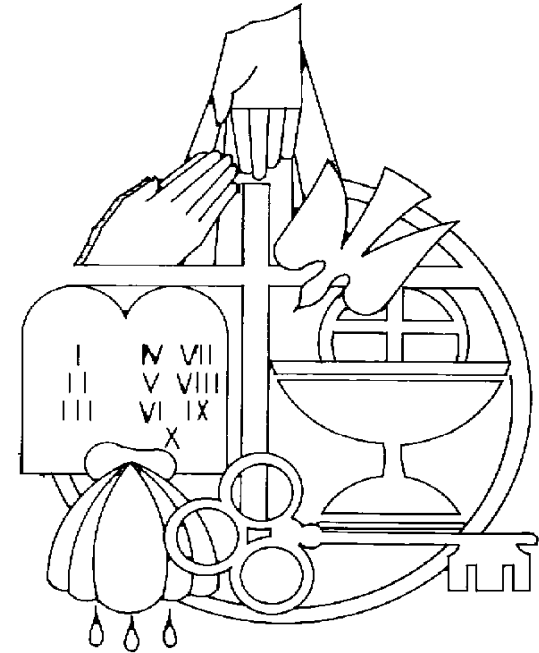
*St. Matthew 13:44–52: The Son of God has purchased us to be His very own.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FOURTH WEEK IN APOSTLES’ 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.*

#### **Commemoration of the Prophet Elijah**

**Sunday, 20 July**

*The Prophet Elijah, whose name means “My God is Yahweh [the Lord],” prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, mostly during the reign of Ahab (874–853 B.C.). Ahab, under the influence of his pagan wife Jezebel, had encouraged the worship of Baal throughout his kingdom, even as Jezebel sought to get rid of the worship of Yahweh. Elijah was called by God to denounce this idolatry and to call the people of Israel back to the worship of Yahweh as the only true God (as he did in 1 Kings 18:20–40). Elijah was a rugged and imposing figure, living in the wilderness and dressing in a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt (2 Kings 1:8). He was a prophet mighty in word and deed. Many miracles were done through Elijah, including the raising of the dead (1 Kings 17:17–24), and the effecting of a long drought in Israel (1 Kings 17:1). At the end of his ministry, he was taken up into heaven while Elisha, his successor, looked on (2 Kings 2:11). Later on the Prophet Malachi (4:5–6) proclaimed that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah, a prophecy that was fulfilled in the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist (Mt 11:14).*

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* ]:

*(Tuesday, 22 July): Collect for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene*

**Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ restored Mary Magdalene to health and called her to be the first witness of His Resurrection. Heal us from all our infirmities, and call us to know You in the power of Your Son's unending life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Friday, 25 July): Collect for the Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle*

**O gracious God, Your servant and Apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Collect for the Fourth Week in Apostles' Tide:*

**O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:*

*Ella Elizabeth McGrath and Vincent Michael Colglazier, with thanksgiving for their new birth by water and the Spirit, and that the Lord would preserve these children and their families in the ongoing catechesis and faith of His Word;*

*Dcs. Rhein and her niece, Emily German, serving in Ethiopia this week; and*

*Pastor & LaRena's cousin Michelle, recovering from a broken collar bone.*

## **The Fourth Week in Apostles' Tide**

**20–26 July 2014**

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

*It is the Seed of the Word of God, sown by Christ, which brings forth a harvest and bears the fruits of faith. Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and long-suffering, and He does not uproot the weed-infested field, lest the beleaguered crops be destroyed. Rather, He continues to send the preachers of His Word to proclaim the Law and the Gospel, unto repentance and faith in the forgiveness of sins. Thus does He preserve us in His righteousness.*

### ***Emphasis: The Word of God Bestows the Righteousness 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 119:57–64**        (*and/or one or more of the daily Psalms listed below*)

<b>Psalms</b>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>Morning</i>	67, 150	51, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
<i>Evening</i>	46, 93	85, 47	28, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 19	141, 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. Matthew 13:35b*

*(Jesus said):* “I will open My mouth in parables;  
I will utter things hidden since the foundation of the world.”

*Readings for the Fourth Week in Apostles’ Tide:*

**Sunday, 20 July 2014**      *(The Prophet Elijah)*

1 Samuel 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22

**Monday, 21 July 2014**      *(The Prophet Ezekiel)*

1 Samuel 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40

**Tuesday, 22 July 2014**      *(The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene)*

1 Samuel 5:1—6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28

*(Proverbs 31:10–31; Acts 13:26–31; and St. John 20:1–2, 10–18)*

**Wednesday, 23 July 2014**

1 Samuel 6:19—7:17; Acts 19:1–22

**Thursday, 24 July 2014**

1 Samuel 8:1–22; Acts 21:15–36

**Friday, 25 July 2014**      *(The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle)*

1 Samuel 9:1–27; Acts 21:37—22:16

*(Acts 11:27—12:5; Romans 8:26–39; and St. Mark 10:35–45)*

**Saturday, 26 July 2014**

1 Samuel 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Table of Duties, continued*

**TO PARENTS**

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” *(Ephesians 6:4)*

**TO CHILDREN**

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’” *(Ephesians 6:1–3)*

**TO WORKERS OF ALL KINDS**

“Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.” *(Ephesians 6:5–8)*

**TO EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS**

“Masters, do the same things to [your bondservants], giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.” *(Ephesians 6:9)*

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY”**

**LSB #773**

*[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.**