

Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor**Monday, 28 July**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) is acknowledged as one of the most gifted of all composers past and present in the entire western world. Orphaned at the age of ten, Bach was mostly self-taught in music. His professional life as conductor, performer, composer, teacher, and organ consultant began at the age of 19 in the town of Arnstadt and ended in Leipzig, where for the last 27 years of his life he was responsible for all the music in the city's four Lutheran churches. In addition to his being a superb keyboard artist, the genius and bulk of Bach's vocal and instrumental compositions remain overwhelming. A devout Lutheran, he is especially honored in Christendom for his lifelong insistence that his music was written primarily for the liturgical life of the church to glorify God and edify his people.

Commemoration of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**Tuesday, 29 July**

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany were disciples with whom Jesus had a special bond of love and friendship. John's Gospel records that "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:15). On one occasion Martha welcomed Jesus into their home for a meal. While she did all the work, Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to His Word and was commended by Jesus for choosing the "good portion which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:38–42). When their brother Lazarus had died and was buried, Jesus spoke to Martha this beautiful Gospel promise: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25–27). Ironically, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Jews became more determined than ever to kill Jesus (John 11:39–54). Six days before Jesus was crucified, Mary anointed His feet with an expensive fragrant oil and wiped them with her hair, not knowing at the time that she was doing it in preparation for Jesus' burial (John 12:1–8; Matthew 26:6–13).

Commemoration of St. Joseph of Arimathea**Thursday, 31 July**

This Joseph, mentioned in all four Gospels, came from the small village of Arimathea in the hill country of Judea. He was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious council in Jerusalem. He was presumably wealthy, since he owned his own unused tomb in a garden not far from the site of Jesus' crucifixion (Mt 27:60). Joseph, a man waiting expectantly for the Kingdom of God, went to Pontius Pilate after the death of Jesus and asked for the Lord's body (Mk 15:43). Along with Nicodemus, Joseph removed the body and placed it in the tomb (John 19:39). Their public devotion contrasted greatly to the fearfulness of the disciples who had abandoned Jesus.

Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday in Apostles' Tide**3 August 2014**

Hymns: LSB #497; LSB #602; LSB #625; LSB #642; LSB #774; LSB #797

Isaiah 55:1–5: *The Lord graciously and freely provides for you and feeds you, and by His gifts He glorifies You in Christ Jesus, the beloved Son.*

Romans 9:1–13: *It is in Christ Jesus, by grace through faith in His Word, that we are the children of Abraham and of God, heirs according to His promise.*

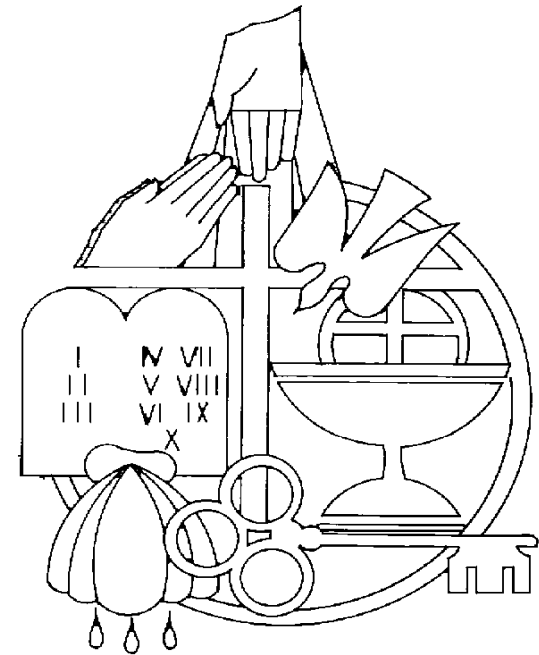
St. Matthew 14:13–21: *As Christ Jesus fed the five thousand with a few loaves and fishes, so does He feed His Church on earth with His true Body and Blood.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIFTH 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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In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Pastor Stuckwisch and others from across the Synod, as they travel to and from the Worship Conference in Seward, and as they teach and learn together there;

Dcs. Rhein and her niece, Emily, as they travel home from Ethiopia this week;

Margaret Rhein, now engaged to be married to Jonathan Casey of Ft. Wayne;

Edna Moore, recovering from surgery to correct a fractured vertebrae; and

Bob Juday, in rehabilitation following an injury to his foot this past month.

[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.

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

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*]:

Collect for the Fifth Week in Apostles' Tide:

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 Fifth Week in Apostles' Tide

27 July — 2 August 2014

This Week in the Church Year

The Parables of the Treasure hidden in the field and the Pearl of Great Price are often understood to depict the sacrifice of faith, which relinquishes all else to lay hold of the surpassing riches of Christ. While that emphasis has its place, it is best to see and hear the Sacrifice of Christ in these Parables, who has redeemed us at the cost of His own life "with His holy and precious blood, His innocent suffering and death," that we might be His own. It is for His sake that Christians are willing and able to suffer all, even death, rather than forsake His Name and the great salvation unto which He has purchased us.

Emphasis: The Son of God Has Redeemed You with His Blood

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

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	110, 150	62, 145	13, 146	96, 147:1-11	116, 147:12-20	85, 148	61, 149
Evening	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. Matthew 13:35b (again)

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

Readings for the Fifth Week in Apostles’ Tide:

Sunday, 27 July 2014

1 Samuel 12:1–25; Acts 22:30—23:11

Monday, 28 July 2014 *(Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor)*

1 Samuel 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35

Tuesday, 29 July 2014 *(Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany)*

1 Samuel 14:47—15:9; Acts 24:1–23

Wednesday, 30 July 2014

1 Samuel 15:10–35; Acts 24:24—25:12

Thursday, 31 July 2014 *(St. Joseph of Arimathea)*

1 Samuel 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27

Friday, 1 August 2014

1 Samuel 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23

Saturday, 2 August 2014

1 Samuel 17:20–47; Acts 26:24—27:8

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Table of Duties, concluded

TO YOUTH

“You younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

(1 Peter 5:5–6)

TO WIDOWS

“She who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.” *(1 Timothy 5:5–6)*

TO EVERYONE

“The commandments . . . are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” *(Romans 13:9)*

“I exhort . . . that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.” *(1 Timothy 2:1)*

The Hymns of the Week

“FROM GOD CAN NOTHING MOVE ME”

LSB #713

[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.