

Commemoration of Johann Gerhard, Lutheran Theologian Sunday, 17 August

Johann Gerhard (1582–1637) was a great Lutheran theologian in the tradition of Martin Luther (1483–1546) and Martin Chemnitz (1522–86) and the most influential of the 17th-century dogmaticians. His monumental Loci Theologici (23 large volumes) is still considered by many to be a definitive statement of Lutheran orthodoxy. Gerhard was born in Quedlinburg, Germany. At the age of 15 he was stricken with a life-threatening illness. This experience, along with guidance from his pastor, Johann Arndt, marked a turning point in his life. He devoted the rest of his life to theology. He became a professor at the University of Jena and served many years as the Superintendent of Heldberg. Gerhard was a man of deep evangelical piety and love for Jesus. He wrote numerous books on exegesis, theology, devotional literature, history, and polemics. His sermons continue to be widely published and read.

Commemoration of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Tuesday, 19 August

A leader in Christian Europe in the first half of the 11th century, Bernard is honored in his native France and around the world. Born into a noble family in Burgundy in 1090, Bernard left the affluence of his heritage and entered the monastery of Citeaux at the age of 22. After two years he was sent to start a new monastic house at Clairvaux. His work there was blessed in many ways. The monastery at Clairvaux grew in mission and service, eventually establishing some 68 daughter houses. Bernard is remembered for his charity and political abilities, but especially for his preaching and hymn composition. The hymn texts “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” and “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” are part of the heritage of the faith left by Saint Bernard.

Commemoration of the Prophet Samuel Wednesday, 20 August

Samuel, last of the Old Testament judges and first of the prophets (after Moses), lived during the 11th century before Christ. The child of Elkanah, an Ephraimite, and his wife Hannah, Samuel was consecrated by his parents, while he was still a child, for sacred service; he was trained in the house of the Lord at Shiloh by Eli the priest. Samuel’s authority as a prophet was established by God (1 Sam. 3:20). He anointed Saul to be Israel’s first king (10:1). Later, as a result of Saul’s disobedience to God, Samuel repudiated Saul’s leadership and then anointed David to be king in place of Saul (16:13). Samuel’s loyalty to God, his spiritual insight, and his ability to inspire others made him one of Israel’s great leaders.

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

Looking forward to the Third Sunday in Martyrs’ Tide 24 August 2014

Hymns:

- LSB #505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay
- LSB #572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden
- LSB #587 I Know My Faith Is Founded
- LSB #645 Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand
- LSB #647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head
- LSB #815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine
- LSB #940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

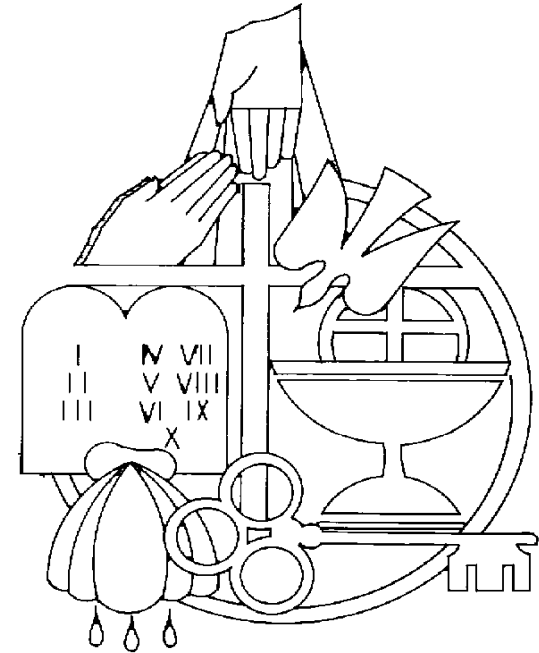
Readings: Isaiah 51:1–6; Romans 11:33–12:8; and St. Matthew 16:13–20

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE SECOND WEEK IN MARTYRS’ 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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- 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 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.

[Daily Prayer: Invocation, Apostles' Creed, Kyrie Eleison, and the Our Father]:

The Second Week in Martyrs' Tide

17–23 August 2014

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.

[The Collect of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:

Collect for the Second Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Almighty & everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial & temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your lovingkindness and mercy; 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.

This Week in the Church Year

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her, even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection, the Canaanite woman of this Sunday's Gospel confessed her faith in Him most boldly. Her beautiful example encourages us to hold fast the sure and certain Word of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law which accuses and condemns us. The woman's faith and hope were not disappointed; her prayer was heard and answered in the mercy of Christ, who by His Cross has reconciled the world to God, and by His free and full forgiveness has brought us into His house as beloved children. So may we, with boldness and confidence, confess our faith and pray to Him.

Emphasis: The Church Lives Under the Cross by Faith in 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 67 (and/or one or more of the appointed daily Psalms listed below)

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	103, 150	51, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
Evening	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: Psalm 147:2–3

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Readings for the Second Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Sunday, 17 August 2014 (Johann Gerhard, Theologian)

2 Samuel 7:1–17; 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:22

Monday, 18 August 2014

2 Samuel 7:18–29; 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:16

Tuesday, 19 Aug 2014 (St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter & Theologian)

2 Samuel 11:1–27; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

Wednesday, 20 August 2014 (The Prophet Samuel)

2 Samuel 12:1–25; 1 Corinthians 12:1–13

Thursday, 21 August 2014

1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35; 1 Corinthians 12:14–31

Friday, 22 August 2014

1 Kings 2:1–27; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Saturday, 23 August 2014

1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Corinthians 1:1–22

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: Christian Questions & Answers (continued & concluded)

After Individual Confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, the Pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

15. *What should we do when we eat Christ's body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: 'This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?*

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and Man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?*

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?*

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?*

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord.

Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?*

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: *First*, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. *Second*, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in First John 2 and 5. *Third*, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; First Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and Second Timothy 2.

The Hymns of the Week

"I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY"

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