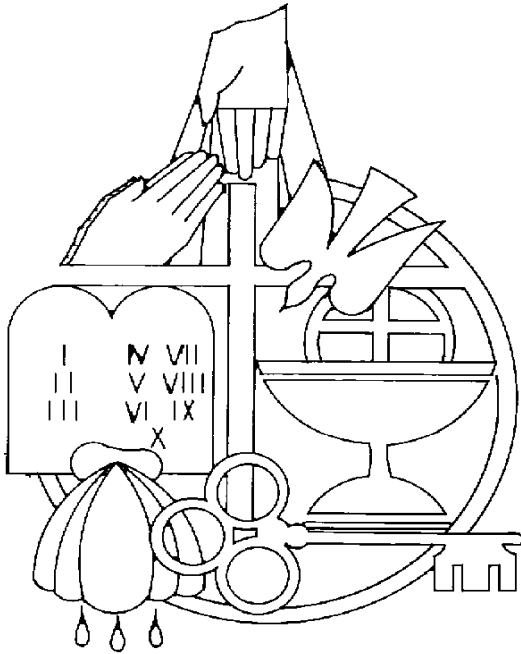


# **Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church**

929 East Milton Street, South Bend • (574) 287-4151 • [emmaus24.org](http://emmaus24.org)

*Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor*

*Rev. David A. Seyboldt, Assistant Pastor*



**✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚**

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

**✚ THE FOURTH 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)*



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

*In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus catechizes His disciples in God's 'Theology of the Cross,' which stands in such striking contrast to man's 'theology of glory.' As the Son of Man, who is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, the Lord Jesus has come to suffer and die for the sins of the world; it is precisely by His Cross and Crucifixion that forgiveness, life and salvation are obtained for all mankind. Such is the paradoxical Glory of God, which makes foolish the wisdom of the world! As the one true God reveals and gives Himself to us by this way of the Cross, so are we, His baptized disciples, given to carry His Cross and to follow after Him, through death into life, manifesting His glory in suffering.*

***Emphasis: Christ the Crucified Reigns in Glory from His Cross***

***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 26      (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>	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1-18; 147:1-11	97, 147:12-20	51, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62	142, 65	118, 111

**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 16:25***

*(Jesus said):* “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

***Readings for the Fourth Week in Martyrs' Tide:***

***Sunday, 31 August 2014***

1 Kings 16:29—17:24; 2 Corinthians 9:1–15

***Monday, 1 September 2014***

*(Joshua, the Son of Nun)*

1 Kings 18:1–19; Ephesians 1:1–23

***Tuesday, 2 September 2014***

*(Hannah, the Mother of Samuel)*

1 Kings 18:20–40; Ephesians 2:1–22

***Wednesday, 3 September 2014***

*(St. Gregory the Great, Pastor)*

1 Kings 19:1–21; Ephesians 3:1–21

***Thursday, 4 September 2014***

*(The Prophet Moses)*

2 Kings 2:1–18; Ephesians 4:1–24

***Friday, 5 September 2014***

*(Zacharias & Elizabeth)*

2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7; Ephesians 4:25—5:14

***Saturday, 6 September 2014***

2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37; Ephesians 5:15–33

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Third & Fourth Commandments*

*What is the Third Commandment?*

**Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

*What is the Fourth Commandment?*

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS”**

**LSB #531**

*[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.**

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

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

**Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.*

*In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:*

*Robert & Herta Johnston and family, as they mourn the recent death of Bob's nephew, Don Johnston; and so for Don's widow, Nancy, and their two sons; Jerry & Sharon Makowski, mourning the death of Jerry's mother, Mary; and Colin Casey of Redeemer in Fort Wayne (a good friend of Emmaus), as he is now recovering from a heart attack this past week.*

[*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 Joshua, the Son of Nun**

**Monday, 1 September**

*Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim, is first mentioned in Exodus 17 when he was chosen by Moses to fight the Amalakites, whom he defeated in a brilliant military victory. He was placed in charge of the Tent of Meeting (Ex. 33:11) and was a member of the tribal representatives sent to survey the land of Canaan (Num. 13:8). Later, he was appointed by God to succeed Moses as Israel's commander-in-chief. He eventually led the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land and directed the capture of Jericho. He is remembered especially for his final address to the Israelites, in which he challenged them to serve God faithfully (Josh. 24:1–27), concluding with the words, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (24:15).*

**Commemoration of Hannah, the Mother of Samuel**

**Tuesday, 2 September**

*Hannah was the favored wife of Elkanah, the Ephraimite, and the devout mother of the Prophet Samuel. He was born to her after years of barrenness (1 Sam 1:6–8) and fervent prayers for a son (1:9–18). After Samuel was weaned, Hannah expressed her gratitude by returning him for service in the House of the Lord at Shiloh (1:24–28). Her prayer of thanksgiving (2:1–10) begins with the words, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord." This song*

*foreshadows the Magnificat, the Song of Mary centuries later (Lk 1:46–55). The name Hannah derives from the Hebrew word for “grace.” She is remembered and honored for joyfully having kept the vow she made before her son’s birth and offering him for lifelong service to God.*

**Commemoration of St. Gregory the Great, Pastor** **Wednesday, 3 September**

*One of the great leaders in Europe at the close of the sixth century, Gregory served in both the secular and sacred arenas of his era. As mayor of Rome, he restored economic vitality to his native city, which had been weakened by enemy invasions, pillage, and plague. After he sold his extensive properties and donated the proceeds to help the poor, he entered into full-time service in the Church. On 3 September, A.D. 590, Gregory was elected to lead the church in Rome. As Bishop of Rome he oversaw changes and growth in the areas of church music and liturgical development, missionary outreach to northern Europe, and the establishment of a church-year calendar still used by many churches in the western World today. His book on pastoral care became a standard until the 20th century.*

**Commemoration of the Prophet Moses** **Thursday, 4 September**

*Moses was born in Egypt several generations after Joseph brought his father Jacob and his brothers there to escape a famine in the land of Canaan. The descendants of Jacob had been enslaved by the Egyptians and were ordered to kill all their male children. When Moses was born his mother put him in a basket and set it afloat in the Nile River. He was found by Pharaoh’s daughter and raised by her as her own son (Ex. 2:1–10). At age 40 Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster and fled to the land of Midian, where he worked as a shepherd for forty years. Then the Lord called him to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh, “Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness” (5:1). Eventually Pharaoh gave in and, after the Israelites celebrated the first Passover, Moses led them out. At the Red Sea the Egyptian army was destroyed and the Israelites passed to safety on dry land (Ex. 12-15). At Mount Sinai they were given the Law and erected the Tabernacle (Ex. 19-40). Because of disobedience they had to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Moses himself was not allowed to enter the Promised Land, although God allowed him to view it (Deut. 34). In the New Testament Moses is referred to as lawgiver and prophet. He was the divinely-inspired human author of the first five Books of the Bible.*

**Commemoration of Zacharias & Elizabeth** **Friday, 5 September**

*Zacharias and Elizabeth were “righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord” (St. Luke 1:6). Zacharias, a priest in the Jerusalem temple, was greeted by the angel Gabriel who announced that Zacharias and Elizabeth would become parents of a son. Initially Zacharias did not believe Gabriel’s announcement because of their old age. On account of his disbelief, Zacharias became unable to speak. After their son was born, Elizabeth named him John, as the angel had indicated (St. Luke 1:13). Zacharias confirmed his wife’s choice and his ability to speak was restored. In joyful response, he sang the Benedictus, a magnificent summary of God’s promises in the Old Testament and a prophecy of John’s work as the forerunner of Jesus the Christ (St. Luke 1:68–79). Zacharias and Elizabeth are remembered as examples of faithfulness and piety.*

**Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Martyrs’ Tide** **7 September 2014**

**Hymns:** LSB #579; LSB #611; LSB #614; LSB #686; LSB #797; LSB #820

**Readings:** *Ezekiel 33:7–9; Romans 13:1–10; and Saint Matthew 18:1–20*