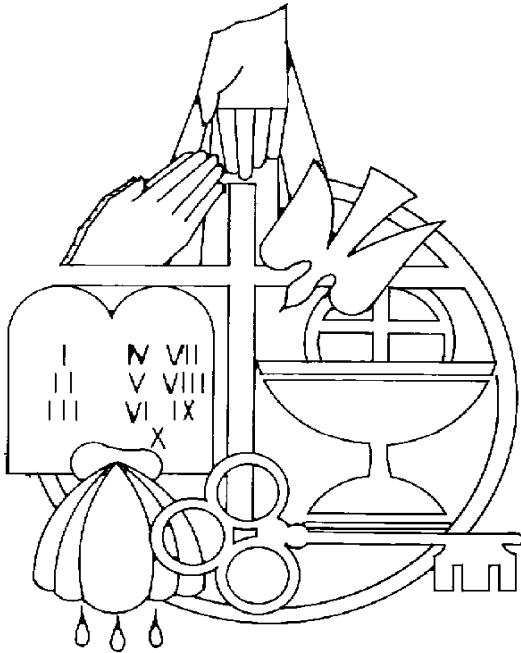


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✚ **THE SIXTH 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***

*Like the bronze serpent on the pole in the wilderness, the Feast of Holy Cross Day on 14 September directs our eyes in faith unto Christ Jesus upon the Cross. There is He lifted up in death, becoming the very curse of sin for us, in order to redeem us and bless us by grace. All those who look to Him in faith—that is, to the Crucified One, who is actively present and powerful to save in the waters of Holy Baptism, in the spoken Word of Holy Absolution, and with His own body and blood in the Holy Communion—all those who look to Him shall not die, but live! And as we are thus forgiven, so do we forgive.*

***Emphasis: We Are Forgiven and Forgiving, by the Holy 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 103:1–12 (and/or one or more of the appointed 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>	67, 98, 150	51, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
<i>Evening</i>	40, 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 6:14***

*(Jesus said):* “If you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

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

***Sunday, 14 September 2014***     *(The Feast of Holy Cross Day)*

2 Chronicles 33:1–25; Colossians 1:24—2:7

*(Numbers 21:4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; and St. John 12:20–33)*

***Monday, 15 September 2014***

2 Chronicles 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33; Colossians 2:8–23

***Tuesday, 16 September 2014***     *(St. Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr)*

2 Chronicles 35:1–7, 16–25; Colossians 3:1–25

***Wednesday, 17 September 2014***

2 Chronicles 36:1–23; Colossians 4:1–18

***Thursday, 18 September 2014***

Nehemiah 1:1—2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1–20

***Friday, 19 September 2014***

Nehemiah 2:11–20; 4:1–6; 1 Timothy 2:1–15

***Saturday, 20 September 2014***

Nehemiah 4:7–23; 1 Timothy 3:1–16

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Catechism: The Sixth Commandment*

*What is the Sixth Commandment?*

**You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW”**

**LSB #440**

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

*(Sunday, 14 September): The Collect for the Feast of Holy Cross Day:*

**Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

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

**O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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:*

*Rev. David Menet, as he considers the Divine Call to Calvary in Plymouth;*

*Phil Bergt, preparing for the transition to a new position in Montana; and*

*Erik Horner, as he continues his Marine training in California;*

[*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.*

### **The Feast of Holy Cross Day**

**Sunday, 14 September**

*One of the earliest annual celebrations of the Church, Holy Cross Day traditionally commemorated the finding of the original Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem by St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, on the 14th of September, A.D. 320. The festival day was made official in conjunction with the dedication of a basilica at the holy site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection in A.D. 335 by order of Constantine. A devout Christian, Helena had helped in locating and authenticating many sites related to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus throughout the Biblical lands. Holy Cross Day has remained popular in both the Eastern and Western Christian Churches. Many Lutheran parishes have chosen the title "Holy Cross" for the name of their church building and congregation. For our purposes, it is not so much about a remnant or "relic" of the historic Cross, but another way in which Christ and Him Crucified is lifted up among us in the preaching of the Gospel and in the faithful administration of His Holy Sacraments, whereby He calls all people to Himself (St. John 12:20–50).*

**Commemoration of St. Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr      Tuesday, 16 Sept**

Cyprian (ca. 200–258) was acclaimed bishop of the north African city of Carthage around A.D. 248. During a period of intense persecution under the Roman Emperor Decius, Cyprian fled Carthage (for the protection of his flock, for whom he continued to provide pastoral care through correspondence); he returned two years later. He was then forced to deal with the problem of Christians who had lapsed from the faith under persecution and now wanted to return to the Communion of the Church. It was decided that these lapsed Christians could be restored, but that their restoration would take place only after a period of penance that demonstrated their faithfulness. During another persecution, under Emperor Valerian, Cyprian at first went into hiding but later gave himself up to the authorities. He was beheaded for the faith in Carthage in A.D. 258.

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

**Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday in Martyrs' Tide      21 Sept 2014**

**Hymns:**

- LSB #439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
- LSB #555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come
- LSB #557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way
- LSB #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- LSB #738 Lord of All Hopefulness
- LSB #745 In God, My Faithful God
- LSB #783 Take My Life and Let It Be

**Isaiah 55:6–9:** *The way and wisdom of the Lord are foolishness to the world, in that He calls sinners to repentance and forgiveness, and He rewards them with His divine compassion, not for the sake of any merit, but by His grace alone.*

**Philippians 1:12–30:** *Our entire life is in Christ Jesus, who is Himself our Life and our Salvation. So whether we live or die in this world, we are the Lord's. Hence, while we live here on earth, we serve our neighbor within our vocations by grace through faith, for Jesus' sake, according to the Word of God. Likewise our suffering for His sake resounds unto His glory and to the benefit of others.*

**St. Matthew 20:1–16:** *The familiar Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard does not pertain to the free and full salvation that may be granted even to those who come to faith at the last minute (although that point is true enough, as well). Rather, those who are sent as workers into the Vineyard of the Lord signify the vocations in life to which the disciples of Jesus are called. All of those many and varied vocations, and the wide diversity of service within those vocations, do not avail as any merit or worthiness before the Lord, but are undertaken in faith and with thanksgiving to the One who is gracious and without partiality.*