

The Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, the Apostles

Tuesday, 28 October

In the lists of the Twelve Apostles (in Matthew 10:2–4; Mark 3:16–19; Luke 6:14–16; and Acts 1:13), the tenth and eleventh places are occupied by Simon the Zealot (or “Cananean”) and by Jude (or “Judas,” not Iscariot but “of James”) who was apparently known also as Thaddaeus. According to early Christian Tradition, Simon and Jude journeyed together as missionaries to Persia, where they were martyred. It is likely for this reason, at least in part, that these two Apostles are commemorated on the same day. Simon is not mentioned in the New Testament apart from the lists of the Apostles. He is remembered and honored for the sake of his office, and thereby stands before us—in eternity, as in his life and ministry on earth—in the Name and stead of Christ Jesus, our Lord. We give thanks to God for calling and sending Simon, along with Jude and all of the Apostles, to preach and teach the Holy Gospel, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness, and to baptize, in the Name of Jesus (John 4:1–2; Matthew 10 and 28:16–20; and Luke 24:46–49).

Jude appears in John’s Gospel (14:22), on the night of our Lord’s betrayal and the beginning of His Passion, asking Jesus how it is that He will manifest Himself to the disciples but not to the world. The answer that Jesus gives to this question is a pertinent emphasis for this festival day: “If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (14:23). Surely both Jude and Simon exemplified, in life and death, their love for Jesus and their faith in His Word. Not only are we thus strengthened in our Christian faith and life by their example, but, above all, we are encouraged by the faithfulness of the Lord in keeping His promise to them, in bringing them home to Himself in heaven. There they live with Him forever, where we shall someday join them.

The Feast of All Saints

Saturday, 1 November

This Feast is the most comprehensive of saints’ days, encompassing the entire scope of that great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded (Hebrews 12:1). It holds before the eyes of faith that great multitude which no man can number: all the saints of God in Christ—from every nation, culture and language—who have come out of the great tribulation, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:9, 14). As such, it sets before us the full height and depth and breadth and length of our dear Lord’s gracious salvation (Ephesians 3:17–19). It shares with Easter a celebration of the Resurrection, since all those who have died with Christ Jesus have also been raised with Him, as well (Romans 6:3–8). It shares with Pentecost a celebration of the ingathering of the entire Church catholic—in heaven and on earth, in all times and places—in the one body of Christ, in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Just as we have all been called to the one hope that belongs to our call, “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:3–6). And the Feast of All Saints shares with the final Sundays of the Church Year an eschatological focus on the life everlasting, and a confession that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18). In all of these emphases, the purpose of this Feast is to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, that we might not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2, 3).

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

Looking forward to the Sunday of All Saints

2 November 2014

Hymns: LSB #572; LSB #585; LSB #639; LSB #667; LSB #676; LSB #679

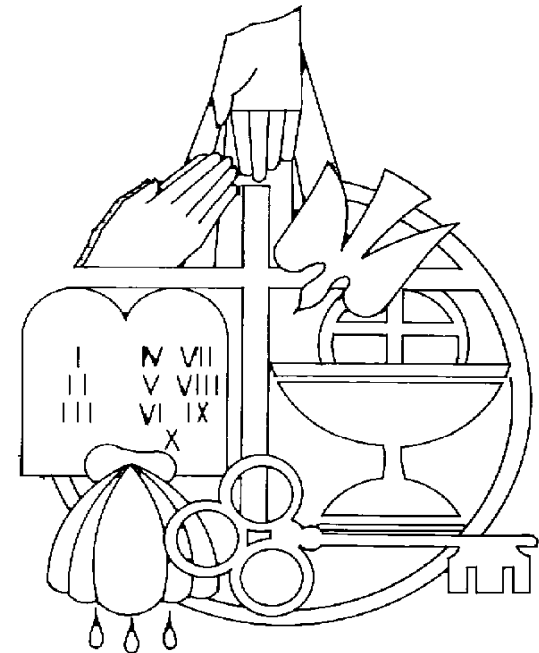
Readings: Micah 3:5–12; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12; and St. Matthew 23:1–12

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE FIFTH WEEK IN ANGELS’ 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:

Pr. Stuckwisch and the other Circuit Visitors of the Indiana District, as they are meeting together in Fort Wayne on Monday and Tuesday of this week; and

Luke Harrison and Caleb, Noah, and Jesse Smith, as they are preparing for the rite of confirmation (on 2 November), and as they confess their faith in Christ.

[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.

Commemoration of Ph. Nicolai, J. Heermann & P. Gerhardt Sunday, 26 October

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) was a pastor in Germany during the Great Plague, which took the lives of 1,300 of his parishioners during a six-month period. In addition to his heroic pastoral ministry during that time of stress and sorrow, he wrote the great hymns, “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” known, respectively, as the king and queen of the Lutheran chorales. Johann Heermann (1585–1647), also a German pastor, suffered from poor health as well as from the ravages of the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). His hymns are noted for their tenderness and depth of feeling. Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676) was another Lutheran pastor who lived through the horrors of the Thirty Years’ War. By 1668 he lost his pastoral position in Berlin (for refusing to compromise his Lutheran convictions), and endured the death of four of his five children and his wife. He nevertheless managed to write 133 hymns, all of which reflect his firm faith. He is regarded as one of Lutheranism’s finest hymn writers.

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 Angels' Tide:

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Tuesday, 28 October): Collect for the Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles:

Almighty God, You chose Your servants Simon and Jude to be numbered among the glorious company of the Apostles. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Friday, 31 October): Collect for Reformation Day

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Saturday, 1 November): Collect for the Feast of All Saints

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

The Fifth Week in Angels' Tide 26 Oct — 1 November 2014

This Week in the Church Year

In these final days of October, we are reminded of that "great cloud of witnesses with which we are surrounded" (Hebrews 12:1): not only the holy angels and archangels with whom we are gathered around the Lamb upon His Throne each week, but the entire company of heaven. On Tuesday of this week (28 October), we remember and give thanks for two of our Lord's Apostles, St. Simon & St. Jude, who were martyred for the sake of Christ and for His Gospel. On Friday (31 October), we commemorate the Lutheran Reformation and those faithful servants of Christ who boldly confessed and taught His Word in the Sixteenth Century. This week crescendos with the Feast of All Saints on Saturday (1 November), which fixes our eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus.

Emphasis: We Are Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses

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 1 (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	34, 51, 148	31, 104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	4, 33	16, 62	142, 65, 46	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 22:37b

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Readings for the Fifth Week of Angels' Tide:

Sunday, 26 Oct 2014 (Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman & Paul Gerhardt)

Deuteronomy 28:1–22; St. Matthew 18:1–20

Monday, 27 October 2014

Deuteronomy 29:1–29; St. Matthew 18:21–35

Tuesday, 28 October 2014 (The Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles)

Deuteronomy 30:1–20; St. Matthew 19:1–15

(Jeremiah 26:1–16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; and St. John 15:12–21)

Wednesday, 29 October 2014

Deuteronomy 31:1–29; St. Matthew 19:16–30

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Deuteronomy 31:30—32:27; St. Matthew 20:1–16

Friday, 31 October 2014 (Reformation Day)

Deuteronomy 32:28–52; St. Matthew 20:17–34

Saturday, 1 November 2014 (The Feast of All Saints)

Deuteronomy 34:1–12; St. Matthew 21:1–22

(Revelation 7:2–17; 1 John 3:1–3; and St. Matthew 5:1–12)

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The First Article of the Creed (Part I)

What is the First Article of the Creed?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

The Hymns of the Week

“THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE”

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[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.