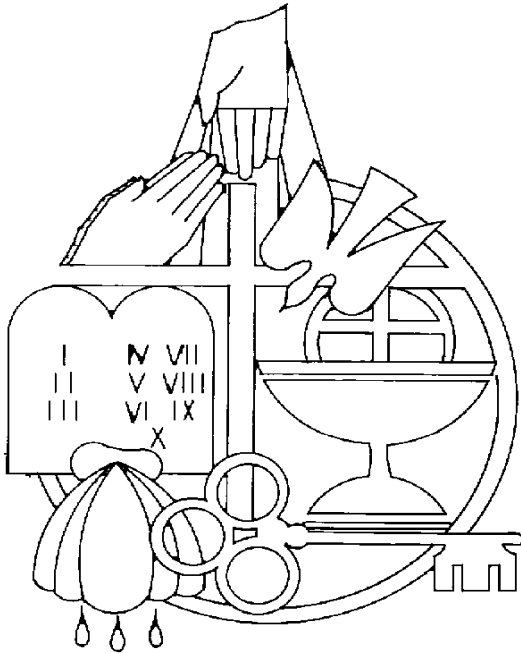


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE THIRD WEEK IN EPIPHANY 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

The calling of Andrew & Simon Peter, James & John, not only to follow Jesus as disciples, but also to become “fishers of men” (His holy Apostles), points us again to the Epiphany of God in Christ in the Office of the Holy Ministry. That point is reinforced by the Feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul (25 Jan) and of St. Titus (26 Jan). Through the Ministry of the Gospel—the preaching of the Word and the faithful administration of the Holy Sacraments—the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand in the Person of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, who speaks and acts through those whom He has sent.

Emphasis: God is manifested in the Office of the Holy Ministry

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 62 (*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>	67, 150	51, 71, 145	54, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
<i>Evening</i>	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. Mark 1:15

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Readings for the Third Week in Epiphany Tide:

Sunday, 25 January 2015 (*The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*)

Zechariah 1:1–21; Romans 14:1–23

(*Acts 9:1–22; Galatians 1:11–24; and St. Matthew 19:27–30*)

Monday, 26 January 2015 (*The Feast of St. Titus, Pastor*)

Zechariah 2:1—3:10; Romans 15:1–13

(*Acts 20:28–35; Titus 1:1–9; and St. Luke 10:1–9*)

Tuesday, 27 January 2015 (*John Chrysostom, Preacher*)

Zechariah 4:1—5:11; Romans 15:14–33

Wednesday, 28 January 2015

Zechariah 6:1—7:14; Romans 16:17–27

Thursday, 29 January 2015

Zechariah 8:1–23; 2 Timothy 1:1–18

Friday, 30 January 2015

Zechariah 9:1–17; 2 Timothy 2:1–26

Saturday, 31 January 2015

Zechariah 10:1—11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1–17

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Fourth Petition of the Our Father

What is the Fourth Petition? **Give us this day our daily bread.**

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Hymns of the Week

“O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT”

LSB #839

[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, 25 January): Collect for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Almighty God, as You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world, so convert us from the darkness of our unbelief and grant us ever to rejoice in Your saving light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Monday, 26 January): Collect for the Feast of Saint Titus, Pastor

Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 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.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**Sunday, 25 January**

St. Paul's life-changing experience on the road to Damascus is related three times in the Acts of the Apostles (9:1-9; 22:6-11; 26:12-18). As an arch-enemy of Christians, Saul of Tarsus set out for Damascus to arrest and bring believers to Jerusalem for trial. While on the way he saw a blinding light and heard the words: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" Saul asked, "Who are You, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." In Damascus, where Paul was brought after being blinded, a disciple named Ananias was directed by the Lord in a vision to go to Saul to restore his sight: "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring My name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15). After receiving his sight, Saul was baptized and went on to become Paul, the great Apostle.

The Feast of St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor**Monday, 26 January**

St. Titus, like Timothy with whom he is often associated, was a friend and co-worker of St. Paul. Titus was a Gentile, perhaps a native of Antioch, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem when they brought assistance to the Christians in Judea during a famine (Acts 11:30, Galatians 2:1). It is not known if he accompanied Paul on his first or second missionary journeys, but Titus was with him on the third, when he helped reconcile the Corinthians to Paul (2 Cor. 7:6-7) and assisted with the collection for the Church in Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8:6). It was probably on the return to Jerusalem that Paul left Titus in Crete (Titus 1:4). Afterward he is found working in Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10). According to Tradition Titus returned to Crete where he served as bishop until he died about A.D. 96.

Commemoration of St. John Chrysostom, Preacher**Tuesday, 27 January**

Given the added name of Chrysostom, which means "golden-mouthed" in Greek, Saint John was a dominant force in the fourth-century Christian church. Born in Antioch around the year 347, John was instructed in the Christian faith by his pious mother, Anthusa. After serving in a number of Christian offices, including acolyte and lector, John was ordained a presbyter and given preaching responsibilities. His simple but direct messages found an audience well beyond his home town. In 398, John Chrysostom was made Patriarch of Constantinople. His determination to reform the church, court, and city there brought him into conflict with established authorities. Eventually, he was exiled from his adopted city. Although removed from his parishes and people, he continued writing and preaching until the time of his death in 407. It is reported that his final words were: "Glory be to God for all things. Amen."

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**1 Feb 2015****Hymns:**

- LSB #533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal
- LSB #544 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
- LSB #581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands
- LSB #683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
- LSB #754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens
- LSB #818 In Thee Is Gladness
- LSB #842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Readings: Deut. 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; and St. Mark 1:21-28