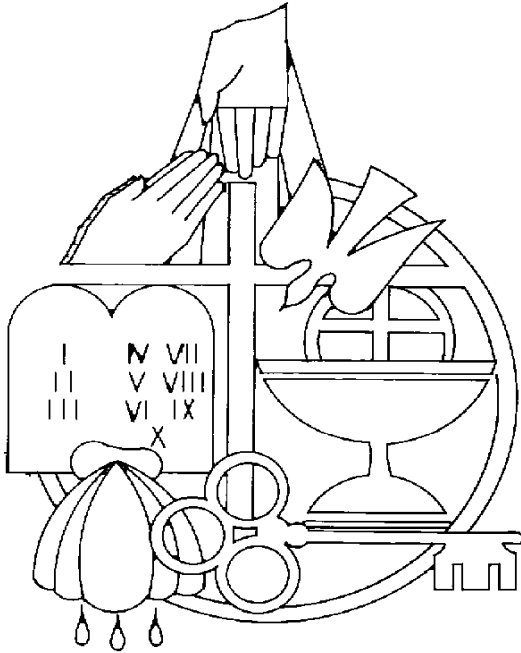


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✚ **THE WEEK OF PENTECOST** ✚

*“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***

*Having come from the Father and become flesh to save us, Jesus returns to the Father by the way of the Cross. His atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world reconciles God and man, and pours out His Spirit upon us unto newness of life. Indeed, the Holy Spirit breathes divine, eternal life into our dead and dried up bones, through the forgiveness of sins, in order to resurrect us, both body and soul, with Christ Jesus our Lord. He is actively present and at work in the Word of the Law and the Gospel, calling us to repentant faith in Christ, and bestowing the righteousness of Christ upon us, by grace. He convicts us of sin by the Word of the Law, forgives our sin and justifies us by the Word of the Gospel, and obtains in us the faith to say “Amen” to this righteousness of God.*

***Emphasis: The Holy Spirit Bestows the Righteousness of 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 139:1–12 (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>	93, 150	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1–11	47, 147:12–20	96, 148	92, 149
<i>Evening</i>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 114

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***The Verse: St. John 7:38–39a***

*(Jesus said):* “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

***Readings for the Week of Pentecost:***

***Sunday, 24 May 2015***      *(The Feast of Pentecost Day)*

Numbers 21:10–35; St. Luke 21:10–38

***Pentecost Monday, 25 May 2015***

Numbers 22:1–20; St. Luke 22:1–23

***Tuesday, 26 May 2015***

Numbers 22:21—23:3; St. Luke 22:24–46

***Wednesday, 27 May 2015***

Numbers 23:4–28; St. Luke 22:47–71

***Thursday, 28 May 2015***

Numbers 24:1–25; St. Luke 23:1–25

***Friday, 29 May 2015***

Numbers 27:12–23; St. Luke 23:26–56

***Saturday, 30 May 2015***

Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27; St. Luke 24:1–27

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar, Part III*

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

**Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “Forgiveness of sins.”**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“O DAY FULL OF GRACE THAT NOW WE SEE”**

**LSB #503**

*[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*]:

*Collect for the Feast of Pentecost Sunday:*

**O God, on the Day of Pentecost You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*(Monday, 25 May): Collect for Pentecost Monday (and for the days following)*

**O God, who gave Your Holy Spirit to the Apostles, grant us that same Spirit that we may live in faith and abide in peace; 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.*

*In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:*

*Dave Smith & family, mourning the recent death of his uncle, Ron Skidmore; Sam Diener (Betty Saenz' brother), as he is battling cancer of the throat; Alfred Petzke (Elfrieda Kuespert's brother), who is also battling cancer; LaRena Stuckwisch, as she is returning home from Texas on Tuesday; and Jonathan & Margaret Casey, as they have begun their married life together.*

[*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 Queen Esther**

**Sunday, 24 May**

*Esther is the heroine of the Old Testament book that bears her name. Her Jewish name was Hadassah, which means “myrtle.” Her beauty, charm, and courage served her well as queen to King Ahasuerus. In that role she was able to save her people from the mass extermination that Haman, the king’s chief advisor, had planned. Esther’s efforts to uncover the plot resulted in the hanging of Haman on the very same gallows that he had built for Mordecai, her uncle and guardian. The king thereafter named Mordecai the minister of state in Haman’s place. This story is an example of how God intervenes on behalf of His people to deliver them from evil, as here through Esther He preserved the Old Testament people through whom the Messiah would come.*

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

**Hymns:**

- LSB #498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
- LSB #504 Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender
- LSB #507 Holy, Holy, Holy
- LSB #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
- LSB #604 I Bind Unto Myself Today
- LSB #815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine
- LSB #837 Lift High the Cross
- LSB #876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity
- LSB #941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You

*Isaiah 6:1–8: The Prophet Isaiah is given to see the Lord God of Sabaoth in the Temple, and he is overwhelmed by the divine glory. With a burning coal from the altar, the Lord forgives Isaiah’s sins and commissions him to proclaim the Word. Now the “Holy, Holy, Holy” of the angels is placed upon our lips as we are brought into the presence of the same Lord in the Holy Communion. With His Body & Blood from the altar, He forgives us all our sins and gives us life.*

*Acts 2:14–36: The continuation of St. Peter’s preaching on the first Christian Pentecost calls sinners to repentance and to faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. It is by and through Him that the Father now pours out His Spirit.*

*St. John 3:1–17: The Lord Jesus catechizes Nicodemus, and us, in the new birth of water, Word and Spirit, whereby we enter the Kingdom of God. Cleansed and sanctified by this washing of water with the Word of God, and anointed by the Holy Spirit, we are given the eyes of faith to look unto Christ upon the Cross, to fear, love and trust in Him and His salvation.*