

The Feast of the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul**Monday, 29 June**

The Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul is probably the oldest of the saints' observances (dating from about the middle of the third century). An early Tradition held that these two pillars of the New Testament Church were martyred on the same day in Rome during the persecution under Nero. In addition to this joint commemoration of their deaths, both Apostles are commemorated separately: Peter on January 18 for his confession of Jesus as the Christ (Matthew 16:13–16), and Paul on January 25 for his conversion (Acts 9:1–19). The New Testament tells us much about both Apostles. Peter was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry and served as a leader among the disciples. Despite his steadfast faith, Scripture also records some of his failures, such as his rebuke of Jesus (Matthew 16:21–23) and his threefold denial of his Lord (26:69–75). Following Jesus' Ascension, Peter continued as a leader in the Church (Acts 1:15; 2:14; 15:7). Paul, a devout Jew who had been named Saul, enters the scene as a persecutor of the Church. Following his miraculous conversion, in which the risen Christ Himself appeared to him, Paul began as a powerful preacher of the grace of God. During his three missionary journeys (Acts 13–14, 16–18, 18–21) Paul traveled throughout modern-day Turkey and Greece. The New Testament account of his life ends with Paul under house arrest in Rome (28:16), although Tradition holds that he went on to Spain before returning to Rome.

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

Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Apostles' Tide

5 July 2015

Hymns: LSB #497; LSB #533; LSB #682; LSB #756; LSB #839; LSB #948

Ezekiel 2:1–5: *The Prophet Ezekiel is sent by the Lord to speak an unpopular Word to His rebellious people, Israel. His Law shall be proclaimed, in order to call them to repentance, that they might hear and receive His Gospel in faith. Whether they listen or not, it is the Lord's own Word that is so preached.*

2 Corinthians 12:1–10: *St. Paul proclaims the theology of the Cross, wherein the power of God is made perfect in weakness. Accordingly, the Apostle does not boast in the greatness of the revelations given to him, but rather in his suffering for the sake of the Gospel. For the Cross that was laid upon him—his thorn in the flesh—actually resounds to the glory of God in Christ, because it belongs to the very preaching of the Cross to which St. Paul was called.*

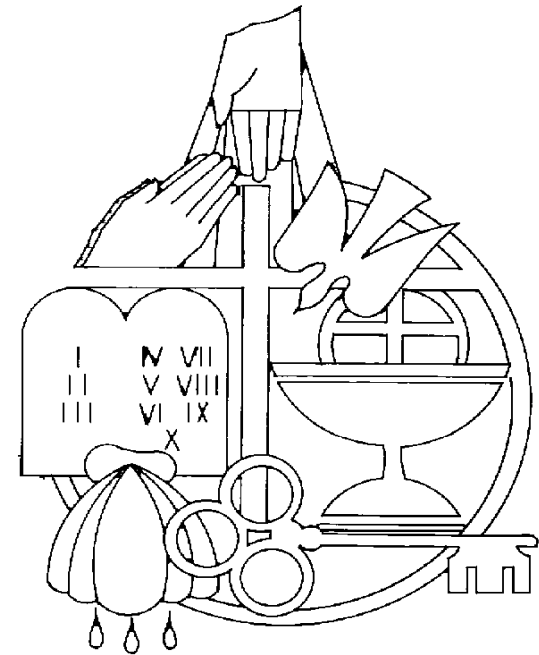
St. Mark 6:1–13: *In the footsteps of the Prophets before Him, and preceding the holy Apostles who will follow in His train, the Lord Jesus comes preaching the Word of the Law and the Gospel and bestowing the very life and health that He will obtain by His Cross and Resurrection. The rejection that He suffers from many of His own people anticipates the Cross and His Passion unto death—which is paradoxically the way and means of His Victory and great Salvation.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIRST WEEK IN APOSTLES' 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:

Betty Nemeth, as she appears to be nearing her departure from this life; and

Pr. Stuckwisch, as he will be traveling to Sri Lanka at the end of this 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 St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor

Sunday, 28 June

Irenaeus (ca. A.D. 130-200), a native of Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), studied in Rome and became a pastor in Lyons, France. Around 177, while Irenaeus was away from Lyons, a fierce persecution of Christians led to the martyrdom of his bishop. Upon Irenaeus' return, he became the new bishop of Lyons. Among his most famous writings is a work condemning heresies, especially Gnosticism, which denied the goodness of creation. In opposition, Irenaeus confessed that God has redeemed his creation through the incarnation of the Son. Irenaeus also affirmed the teachings of the Scriptures handed down to and through him as being normative for the Church.

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]:

(Monday, 29 June): Collect for the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, the Apostles

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy Apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the First Week in Apostles' Tide:

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love towards You that we may live eternally; 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.*

The First Week in Apostles' Tide

28 June — 4 July 2015

This Week in the Church Year

With the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, the Apostles, celebrated this week (29 June), the Church enters a new "tide" or season of the year. During this time, we consider the foundation of the Church upon the Apostles and Prophets of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel is the Rock upon which Jesus has built His House. Thus do we confess the "one, holy, catholic (Christian) and Apostolic Church," and pastors to this day administer their office of preaching and the Sacraments on the basis of the Apostolic Scriptures. Indeed, there would be no Christian Church or Ministry, and we would not know the Lord Jesus, if not for the Word of His holy Apostles.

Emphasis: The Church of Christ Is Founded Upon His Apostles

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 30 (and/or one or more of the appointed daily Psalms listed below)

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	110, 150	62, 89, 145	13, 146	96, 147:1-11	116, 147:12-20	85, 148	61, 149
Evening	66, 23	73, 46, 8	36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

**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: Lamentations 3:25

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
to the person who seeks Him.

Readings for the First Week in Apostles' Tide:

Sunday, 28 June 2015 (St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor)

Joshua 3:1–17; Acts 9:1–22

Monday, 29 June 2015 (The Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles)

Joshua 4:1–24; Acts 9:23–43

(Acts 15:1–21; Galatians 2:1–10; and St. Matthew 16:13–19)

Tuesday, 30 June 2015

Joshua 5:1—6:5; Acts 10:1–17

Wednesday, 1 July 2015

Joshua 6:6–27; Acts 10:18–33

Thursday, 2 July 2015

Joshua 7:1–26; Acts 10:34–48

Friday, 3 July 2015

Joshua 8:1–28; Acts 11:1–18

Saturday, 4 July 2015

Joshua 10:1–25; Acts 11:19–30

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Table of Duties

TO HUSBANDS

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with [your wives] with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)

“Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.”
(Colossians 3:19)

TO WIVES

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:22)

“For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.” (1 Peter 3:5–6)

The Hymns of the Week

“IN THE VERY MIDST OF LIFE”

LSB #755

[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.