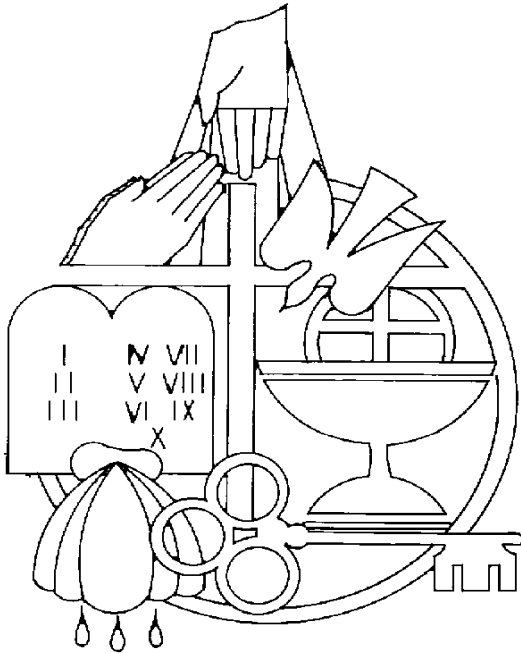


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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIFTH 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)



This Week in the Church Year

The Lord God Almighty is the Maker of the heavens and the earth, who ever rules and provides for His creatures. Although all of creation suffers under the curse and consequence of sin (a curse He has laid upon it in the hope of redemption), the Lord still orders creation according to His good and gracious will for the benefit of His Holy Christian Church. What is more, the creation has been redeemed and sanctified by the Incarnation (the becoming flesh) and the bodily Resurrection of the Son of God, Jesus Christ; and creation is taken up by the Word of God to serve as the vehicle of His grace, as water, bread and wine are used to bestow His forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

Emphasis: Creation Is Redeemed by the Word of Christ Jesus

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 136:1–9 (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>	110, 150	62, 145	13, 146	96, 147:1–11	116, 147:12–20	85, 148	61, 149
<i>Evening</i>	66, 23	73, 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: St. Mark 6:50

Jesus spoke with them and said to them, “Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.”

Readings for the Fifth Week in Apostles’ Tide:

Sunday, 26 July 2015

1 Samuel 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29

Monday, 27 July 2015

1 Samuel 12:1–25; Acts 22:30—23:11

Tuesday, 28 July 2015 (Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor)

1 Samuel 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35

Wednesday, 29 July 2015 (Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany)

1 Samuel 14:47—15:9; Acts 24:1–23

Thursday, 30 July 2015

1 Samuel 15:10–35; Acts 24:24—25:12

Friday, 31 July 2015 (Joseph of Arimathea)

1 Samuel 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27

Saturday, 1 August 2015

1 Samuel 17:1–19; Acts 26:1–23

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: Christian Questions & Answers

After Individual Confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, the Pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?*

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?*

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true Man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?*

From the Holy Gospel, from the Words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. *What are the Words of Institution?*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: ‘Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ‘Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*

Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

**The Word of Christ: ‘Take, eat, this is My Body.’
‘Drink of it, all of you, this is My Blood.’**

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: ‘This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’

Note: *These questions and answers are no child’s play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and pious Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one take heed and likewise consider it a serious matter; for Saint Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: ‘Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.’*

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

Collect for the Fifth Week of Apostles' Tide:

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Pastor Stuckwisch, as he recovers from his trip and resumes his usual duties.

[*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 Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor

Tuesday, 28 July

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) is acknowledged as one of the most gifted of all composers past and present in the entire western world. Orphaned at the age of ten, Bach was mostly self-taught in music. His professional life as conductor, performer, composer, teacher, and organ consultant began at the age of 19 in the town of Arnstadt and ended in Leipzig, where for the last 27 years of his life he was responsible for all the music in the city's four Lutheran churches. In addition to his being a superb keyboard artist, the genius and bulk of Bach's vocal and instrumental compositions remain overwhelming. A devout Lutheran, he is especially honored in Christendom for his lifelong insistence that his music was written primarily for the liturgical life of the church to glorify God and edify his people.

Commemoration of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Wednesday, 29 July

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany were disciples with whom Jesus had a special bond of love and friendship. John's Gospel records that "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:15). On one occasion Martha welcomed Jesus into their home for a meal. While she did all the work, Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to His Word and was commended by Jesus for choosing the "good portion which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:38–42). When their brother Lazarus had died and was buried, Jesus spoke to Martha this beautiful Gospel

promise: “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live” (John 11:25–27). Ironically, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the Jews became more determined than ever to kill Jesus (John 11:39–54). Six days before Jesus was crucified, Mary anointed His feet with an expensive fragrant oil and wiped them with her hair, not knowing at the time that she was doing it in preparation for Jesus’ burial (John 12:1–8; Matthew 26:6-13).

Commemoration of St. Joseph of Arimathea

Friday, 31 July

This Joseph, mentioned in all four Gospels, came from the small village of Arimathea in the hill country of Judea. He was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious council in Jerusalem. He was presumably wealthy, since he owned his own unused tomb in a garden not far from the site of Jesus’ crucifixion (Matt. 27:60). Joseph, a man waiting expectantly for the Kingdom of God, went to Pontius Pilate after the death of Jesus and asked for the Lord’s body (Mark 15:43). Along with Nicodemus, it was Joseph who removed the body and placed it in the tomb (John 19:39). Their public devotion contrasted greatly to the fearfulness of the disciples who had abandoned Jesus.

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

Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday in Apostles’ Tide

2 August 2015

Hymns:

LSB #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB #640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

LSB #642 O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB #652 Father, We Thank Thee

LSB #696 O God, My Faithful God

LSB #768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

LSB #918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Exodus 16:2–15: *Having rescued His people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, and having brought them through the waters of the Red Sea by His mighty arm, the Lord feeds them in the wilderness with a miraculous bread from heaven, with which He will sustain them until He brings them safely into the promised land. So does the same Lord, who has made us His own people in the waters of Holy Baptism, feed us in our pilgrimage with the true and living Bread of His Son.*

Ephesians 4:1–16: *There is one Body and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who serves His Church through the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel.*

St. John 6:22–35: *Following His miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Jesus catechizes the people (though many refuse to hear and believe His Word) that He is the true Manna, which God the Father opens His hand to provide from heaven. He is the Bread of Life, who feeds both soul and body unto salvation.*