

ened by her travels, Monica died at Ostia, Italy, on the journey she had hoped would take her back to her native Africa. (On some church year calendars, Monica is remembered on 4 May.)

Commemoration of St. Augustine of Hippo, Theologian **Friday, 28 August**

Augustine was one of the greatest of the Latin church fathers and a significant influence in the formation of Western Christianity, including Lutheranism. Born in A.D. 354 in North Africa, Augustine's early life was distinguished by exceptional advancement as a teacher of rhetoric. In his book, "Confessions," he describes his life before his conversion to Christianity, when he was drawn into the moral laxity of the day and fathered an illegitimate son. Through the devotion of his sainted mother Monica and the preaching of St. Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan (A.D. 339–97), Augustine was converted to the Christian faith. During the great Pelagian controversies of the 5th century, Augustine emphasized the unilateral grace of God in the salvation of mankind. Bishop and theologian at Hippo in North Africa from A.D. 395 until his death in 430, Augustine was a man of great intelligence, a fierce defender of the orthodox faith, and a prolific writer. In addition to his "Confessions," Augustine's book, "City of God," had a great impact upon the church throughout the Middle Ages and at the time of the Renaissance.

The Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist **Saturday, 29 August**

In contrast to the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (observed on 24 June), this Feast Day commemorates his beheading by the tetrach Herod Antipas (St. Mark 6:14–29). The story of John's death is fairly well-known. John had called Herod to repent for taking his brother's wife, Herodias, so Herod had John put into prison. Although Herod was reluctant to do so, he had John beheaded to comply with a request from the daughter of Herodias. From the perspective of the world, it was an ignominious end to the Baptizer's life. Yet, it was in fact a noble participation in the Cross of Christ, which was John's greatest glory of all. Christ Himself said that there had arisen none greater than St. John the Baptist (St. Matthew 11:11). He was the last of the Old Testament Prophets and also the herald of the New Testament. As the Forerunner of Christ, John fulfilled the prophecy that the Prophet Elijah would return before the great and terrible Day of the Lord (Malachi 4:5; St. Matthew 17:10–13). By his preaching and baptism of repentance, he turned "the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). And in the footsteps of the Prophets who had gone before him—in anticipation of the Christ whose way he prepared—this servant of the Lord manifested the Cross by the witness of his death.

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Martyrs' Tide **30 August 2015**

Hymns:

- LSB #531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus
- LSB #566 By Grace I'm Saved
- LSB #661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War
- LSB #665 Be Strong in the Lord
- LSB #668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You
- LSB #769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

Deuteronomy 4:1–9: God's people are called to remain faithful to His Word.

Ephesians 6:10–20: The Armor of God is put on by faith in the Word of God.

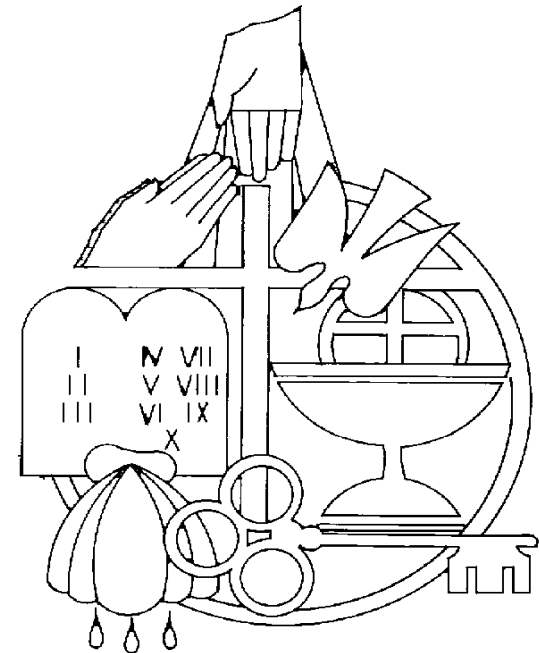
St. Mark 7:14–23: All manner of sin and evil proceeds from out of the heart.

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE THIRD WEEK IN MARTYRS' 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)*



In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

*Dorothy Rummel, as she is dealing with a compression fracture in her spine;
Alfred Petzke (Elfrieda Kuespert's brother), as he is suffering from cancer; and
Rev. Don Stuckwisch, Sr. (Pastor's father), recovering from his recent surgery.*

[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.**

The Feast of St. Bartholomew, the Apostle

Monday, 24 August

St. Bartholomew (or Nathaniel, as he is called in St John's Gospel) was one of the first of Jesus' twelve disciples. His home was in the town of Cana, in Galilee (John 21:2), where Jesus performed His first miraculous sign. He was invited to become one of the Twelve by Philip, who reported that he and Andrew had found the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth (1:45). Bartholomew's initial hesitation to believe, because Jesus was from Nazareth, was quickly replaced by a clear, unequivocal declaration of faith: "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (1:49) He was present with the other Disciples (21:1-13) when they were privileged to see and converse and eat with the risen Lord Jesus. According to some early Church Fathers, Bartholomew brought the Gospel to Armenia, where he was martyred by being flayed alive.

Commemoration of St. Monica, the Mother of Augustine

Thursday, 27 August

A native of North Africa, Monica (A.D. 333-387) was the devoted mother of St. Augustine. Throughout her life she sought the spiritual welfare of her children, especially that of her brilliant son. Widowed at a young age, she devoted herself to her family, praying many years for her son's conversion. When Augustine left North Africa to go to Italy, she followed him to Rome and then to Milan. There she had the joy of witnessing her son's conversion to the Christian faith. Weak-

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

(Monday, 24 August): Collect for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, the Apostle:

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ chose Bartholomew to be an Apostle to preach the blessed Gospel. Grant that Your Church may love what he believed and confess what he taught; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

(Saturday, 29 August): Collect for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Third Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 Third Week in Martyrs' Tide

23–29 August 2015

This Week in the Church Year

“Tradition” is that which is handed over from one generation to the next. The Christian tradition therefore includes the Holy Gospel, as it has been handed over in Word and Sacrament from the Lord Himself. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, serve and support the sacred tradition of His Word, and therefore help to catechize the people of God and assist them in confessing the faith, in praying and giving thanks. The key to the right discernment and use of tradition is the faithful preaching and teaching of the divine Word, which we are to hold sacred by gladly hearing and learning it.

Emphasis: The Right Use of Tradition Confesses the Word of God

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

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	110, 150	62, 121, 145	13, 146	96, 147:1–11	116, 147:12–20	85, 148	61, 149, 71:1–8
Evening	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: Jeremiah 15:16a

Your Words were found and I ate them,
and Your Words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart.

Readings for the Third Week in Martyrs' Tide:

Sunday, 23 August 2015

1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Corinthians 1:1–22

Monday, 24 August 2015 *(The Feast of St. Bartholomew, the Apostle)*

1 Kings 5:1–18; 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17

(Proverbs 3:1–8; 2 Corinthians 4:7–10; and St. John 1:43–51)

Tuesday, 25 August 2015

1 Kings 7:51—8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:1–18

Wednesday, 26 August 2015

1 Kings 8:22–30, 46–63; 2 Corinthians 4:1–18

Thursday, 27 August 2015 *(St. Monica, Mother of Augustine)*

1 Kings 9:1–9; 10:1–13; 2 Corinthians 5:1–21

Friday, 28 August 2015 *(St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Theologian)*

1 Kings 11:1–26; 2 Corinthians 6:1–18

Saturday, 29 Aug *(The Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist)*

1 Kings 11:42—12:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1–16

(Revelation 6:9–11; Romans 6:1–5; and St. Mark 6:14–29)

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Third Commandment

What is the Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Hymns of the Week

“LORD, HELP US EVER TO RETAIN”

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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.

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.