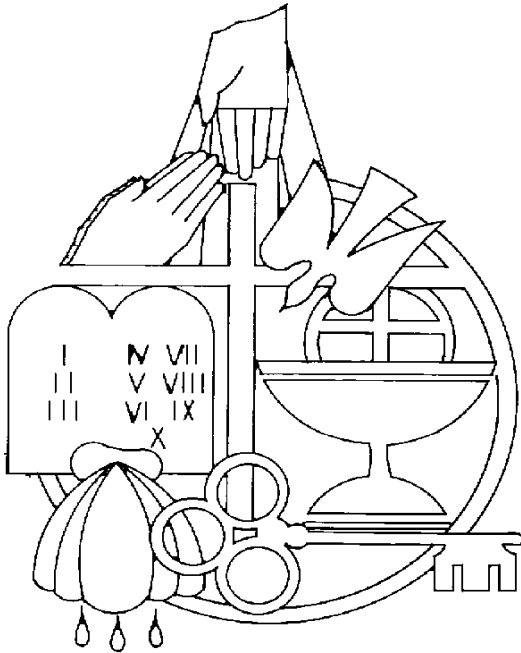


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✝ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✝

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✝ **THE LAST WEEK BEFORE ADVENT** ✝

“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 signs of the end—and of the final judgment—are all around us, calling us daily to repentance, to be turned away from sin and death to life with God in Christ. We see all of these signs centered in the Cross of Christ, where the righteous wrath and judgment of God have been poured out entirely upon the incarnate Son of God. As He is risen from the dead, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Yet, in our sin, we are tempted and prone to wander away from Christ to all manner of false gods and self-righteousness, wherein there is no enduring life or safety from death and hell. Thus are we called, again and again, by the Word and Spirit of God, by the Law and the Gospel, to the significance of Holy Baptism: to the dying and rising of repentant faith.

Emphasis: In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming 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 93 (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>	103, 150	5, 145	42, 146	89:1–18; 147:1–11	97, 104, 147:12–20	51, 148	104, 149
<i>Evening</i>	117, 139	84, 29	102, 133	1, 33	16, 62, 67	142, 65	118, 111

**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: Revelation 22:13

The risen and ascended Lord Jesus says: “I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Readings for the Last Week Before Advent:

Sunday, 22 November 2015

Daniel 2:24–49; Revelation 19:1–21

Monday, 23 November 2015 (St. Clement of Rome, Pastor)

Daniel 3:1–30; Revelation 20:1–15

Tuesday, 24 November 2015

Daniel 4:1–37; Revelation 21:1–8

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

Daniel 5:1–30; Revelation 21:9–27

Thursday, 26 November 2015 (National Thanksgiving Day)

Daniel 6:1–28; Revelation 22:1–21

(Deuteronomy 8:1–10; 1 Timothy 2:1–4; and St. Luke 17:11–19)

Friday, 27 November 2015

Isaiah 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12

Saturday, 28 November 2015

Isaiah 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Second Article of the Creed (Part III)

What is the Second Article of the Creed?

I believe 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

The Hymns of the Week

“LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING”

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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.

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

(Thursday, 26 November): Collect for the National Thanksgiving Day

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Last Week before Advent:

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (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:

Karen Fiechtner and Milo Osbun, recovering from their recent surgeries; and Expectant mothers and their unborn children, including Sarah Rhein's friend and colleague, Anneke (who is also facing illness during her pregnancy), Anna Hart, Bethany Meyer, Brooke Sams, and Ian Walsh's sister, Emma Patterson.

[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. Clement of Rome, Pastor**Monday, 23 November**

Clement (ca. A.D. 35–100) is remembered for having established the pattern of apostolic authority that governed the Christian Church during the first and second centuries. He also insisted on keeping Christ at the center of the Church's worship and outreach. In a letter to the Christians at Corinth, he emphasized the centrality of Jesus' death and resurrection: "Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ, realizing how precious it is to His Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world" (1 Clement 6:31). Prior to suffering a martyr's death by drowning, he displayed a steadfast, Christ-like love for God's redeemed people, serving as an inspiration to future generations to continue to build the Church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ as the one and only cornerstone.

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

Looking forward to the First Sunday in Advent**29 November 2015****Hymns:**

- LSB #331 The Advent of Our King
- LSB #332 Savior of the Nations, Come
- LSB #333 Once He Came in Blessing
- LSB #334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
- LSB #340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
- LSB #355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide
- LSB #674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

Jeremiah 33:14–16: From the root stump of Jesse, a new and greater Son of David will spring forth as a righteous branch, who shall fulfill the good Word of the Lord concerning His people. By His own righteousness, He shall save His people from their sins and establish them in the safety of His Church. So are we called by the Name of Christ our LORD, and credited with His righteousness.

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13: Through the apostolic ministry of the Gospel, the Lord establishes, fulfills, preserves and increases your faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; which, in turn, abounds in fervent love toward one another. In this faith and life, and to this purpose, we pray, praise and give thanks.

St. Luke 19:28–40: The entry of our Lord into Jerusalem on the verge of His holy Passion sets the tone of Advent and the keynote of the entire church year. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Blessed One, comes in humility and weakness, unto death, in order to reign over us in peace and love through the Gospel. This precious Gospel releases us from the bonds of sin and death, softens our stony hearts unto repentance, and opens our mouths to show forth His praise.