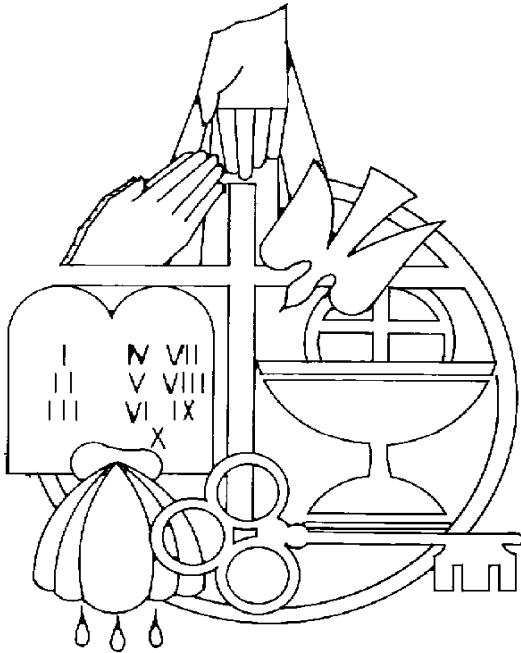


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

**TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS**

✚ **THE FOURTH WEEK IN EPIPHANY 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***

*In the Feast of the Presentation (on Tuesday), we remember and give thanks that the Son of God became true Man, flesh of our flesh, in order to dedicate and sacrifice His body and life unto the Father on our behalf. By His Cross and Resurrection, He has atoned for our sin, released us from its curse and consequences, conquered death, and opened heaven to us. It is with this authority of redemption, by His Cross, that the Lord Jesus comes, preaches the Gospel in every place, casts out demons by the power of His Word, heals the diseases of both soul and body, and restores life and health to His creation.*

***Emphasis: Jesus Has the Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life***

***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 71:1–12      (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>	110, 150	62, 145	13, 48, 146	96, 147:1–11	116, 147:12–20	85, 148	61, 149
<i>Evening</i>	66, 23	73, 8	84, 36, 5	132, 134	26, 130	25, 40	138, 98

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

***The Verse: St. Luke 4:43b***

*(Jesus said):* “I must preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”

***Readings for the Fourth Week in Epiphany Tide:***

***Sunday, 31 January 2016***

Zechariah 10:1—11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1–18

***Monday, 1 February 2016***

Zechariah 11:4–17; 2 Timothy 4:1–18

***Tuesday, 2 February 2016*** *(The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord)*

Zechariah 12:1—13:9; Titus 1:1—2:6

*(1 Samuel 1:21–28; Hebrews 2:14–18; and St. Luke 2:22–40)*

***Wednesday, 3 February 2016***

Zechariah 14:1–21; Titus 2:7—3:15

***Thursday, 4 February 2016***

Job 1:1–22; St. John 1:1–18

***Friday, 5 February 2016*** *(The Patriarch Jacob [Israel])*

Job 2:1—3:10; St. John 1:19–34

***Saturday, 6 February 2016***

Job 3:11–26; St. John 1:35–51

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Fifth Petition of the Our Father*

*What is the Fifth Petition?* **And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH”**

**LSB #544**

*[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*]:

(*Tuesday, 2 February*): *Collect for the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord*

**Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may ever be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; 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 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:*

**Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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:*

*Rebekah Sams, as we look forward to her Holy Baptism this coming Sunday; and Barbara and Elizabeth Sams, as we anticipate their Confirmation on the same day, along with Rebekah, as members of our Emmaus Congregation.*

[*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.*

### **The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**Tuesday, 2 February**

*Thirty-two days after Jesus' circumcision, and seventy weeks after the announcement of John's birth to Zechariah by the angel Gabriel, the Lord comes to His temple to fulfill the Law (Luke 2:22–38). The days are indeed fulfilled with the Presentation. Jesus' parents keep the Law and fulfill it by bringing Jesus to His true home. Also, Jesus' parents offer the alternative sacrifice of two turtledoves or two pigeons. Leviticus 12:8 allows this instead of a lamb, since not everyone could afford a lamb (showing the poverty and humility of Joseph and Mary). And yet no lamb was necessary because already here at forty days old, Jesus is the Lamb of God brought to His temple for sacrifice. Simeon's canticle, the *Nunc Dimittis*, is a beautiful example of the immediate response to this inauguration of God's consolation and redemption in the Christ Child. Speaking to Mary, Simeon also prophesies concerning the destiny of the Child in His Cross and Passion.*

**Commemoration of the Patriarch Jacob (Israel)****Friday, 5 February**

*Jacob, the third of the three Hebrew patriarchs, was the younger of the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah. After wrestling with the Angel of the Lord, Jacob, whose name means “deceiver,” was renamed “Israel,” which means “he strives with God” (Gen. 25:26; 32:28). His family life was filled with trouble, caused by his acts of deception toward his father and his brother Esau, and later by his own parental favoritism toward his son Joseph (31 March). Much of his adult life was spent grieving over the death of his beloved wife Rachel and the presumed death of Joseph, who had been appointed by the Egyptian Pharaoh to be in charge of food distribution during a time of famine in the land. Prior to Jacob’s death, during the blessing of his sons, God gave the promise that the Messiah would come through the line of Jacob’s fourth son, Judah (Genesis 49).*

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

**Looking forward to the Transfiguration of Our Lord****7 February 2016****Hymns:**

- LSB #395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
- LSB #401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born
- LSB #413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
- LSB #414 ‘Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here
- LSB #415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak
- LSB #417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness
- LSB #537 Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
- LSB #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- LSB #815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

**Deuteronomy 34:1–12:** *The death of Moses anticipates the coming of Christ Jesus, the New Testament “Joshua,” who brings us into the Promised Land.*

**Hebrews 3:1–6:** *Although Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, it is Jesus, the only-begotten Son, who has made of us the household of God.*

**St. Luke 9:28–36:** *The Transfiguration of our Lord manifests, ahead of time, the true divine Glory of His coming Cross. The Father testifies concerning this One who shall be crucified for us, that He is the beloved and well-pleasing Son, by whom alone we are rescued from sin, death, the devil & hell, unto eternal life.*