

The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle**Monday, 25 July**

St. James with his brother John, sons of Zebedee and Salome (see Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40), were fishermen in Galilee who were called with Peter and his brother Andrew to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18–22). In the Gospel lists of Jesus' Apostles, James is listed following Peter and preceding John. Together these three appear as leaders of the Twelve. Because James precedes John, it is reasoned that James is the elder of the brothers. The Acts of the Apostles records that James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I, probably between A.D.42 and 44 (Acts 12:1–2). Thus James was the first of the Twelve to seal his Apostolic Ministry as a Martyr.

Commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor**Thursday, 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**Friday, 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).

Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday in Apostles' Tide**31 July 2016****Hymns:**

LSB #602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives
 LSB #696 O God, My Faithful God
 LSB #732 All Depends On Our Possessing
 LSB #736 Consider How the Birds Above
 LSB #762 There Is a Time for Everything

Eccl. 1:2–14; 2:18–26: *Wisdom understands that life on earth is temporary.*

Colossians 3:1–11: *In Holy Baptism, you have died and risen with Christ, so that your life is hidden with Him in God. Lift up your heart in faith unto Him.*

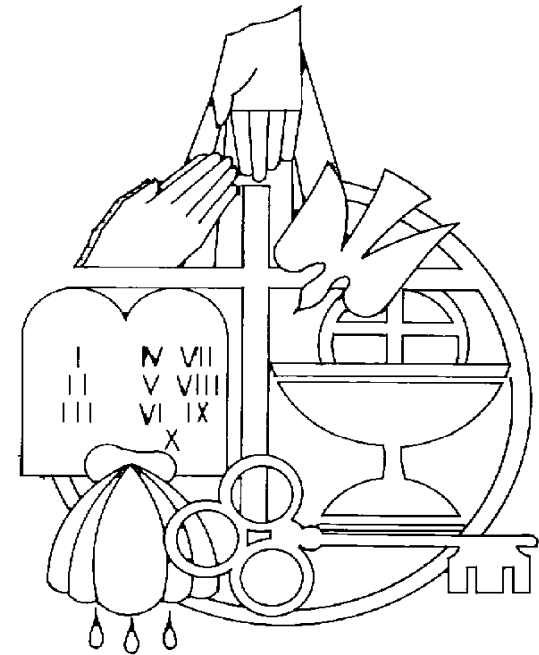
St. Luke 12:13–21: *Life does not consist in the abundance of your possessions.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIFTH WEEK OF 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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Collect for the Fifth Week of Apostles' Tide:

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray, that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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:

Pr. Stuckwisch, as he is serving as the chaplain for the Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado, throughout 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.

The Hymns of the Week

“OUR FATHER, WHO FROM HEAVEN ABOVE”

LSB #766

[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]:

(Monday, 25 July): Collect for the Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle

O gracious God, Your servant and Apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

The Fifth Week of Apostles' Tide

24–30 July 2016

This Week in the Church Year

In teaching us to pray to God as “Our Father in heaven,” Jesus teaches us to have faith. With these words He tenderly invites us to believe that God is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may come to Him and ask Him as dear children ask their dear fathers. Indeed, He is the true Father, by whom all fatherhood on earth is named, the One who never fails or forgets us, who does not break His promises or abandon His children, whose anger lasts only for a moment, His gracious favor for a lifetime. Because we have been united with Christ Jesus in Holy Baptism, we share His sonship, and our prayer of faith is joined to His perfect prayer. It is in Him that God our Father loves us and showers us with grace and every blessing.

Emphasis: The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith in 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 138 (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>	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	139, 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. Luke 11:9

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Readings for the Fifth Week of Apostles' Tide:

Sunday, 24 July 2016

1 Samuel 8:1–22; Acts 21:15–36

Monday, 25 July 2016 (*The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle*)

1 Samuel 9:1–27; Acts 21:37—22:16

(*Acts 11:27—12:5; Romans 8:26–39; and St. Mark 10:35–45*)

Tuesday, 26 July 2016

1 Samuel 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29

Wednesday, 27 July 2016

1 Samuel 12:1–25; Acts 22:30—23:11

Thursday, 28 July 2016 (*Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor*)

1 Samuel 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35

Friday, 29 July 2016 (*Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany*)

1 Samuel 14:47—15:9; Acts 24:1–23

Saturday, 30 July 2016

1 Samuel 15:10–35; Acts 24:24—25:12

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:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

5. Do you hope to be saved?

Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Who is Christ?

The Son of God, true God and Man.

8. How many Gods are there?

Only one, but there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

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.'*