

Commemoration of Noah, the faithful patriarch**Tuesday, 29 November**

Noah, the son of Lamech (Gen 5:30), was instructed by God to build an ark, in which his family would find security from the destructive waters of the devastating flood that God would send upon the earth. Noah built the ark, and the rains descended for forty days and forty nights. The entire earth was flooded, destroying “every living thing that was on the face of the ground, both man and beast” (Gen. 7:23). After the flood waters subsided, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. When God confirmed that it was safe, Noah and his family and all the animals disembarked. Then Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for having saved his family from destruction. A rainbow in the sky was given by God as a sign of His promise that never again would a similar flood destroy the entire earth (Gen. 8:20). Noah is remembered and honored for his obedience, believing that God would do what He said He would.

The Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle**Wednesday, 30 November**

St. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was born in the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist, he then became the first of Jesus’ disciples (John 1:35–40). His name regularly appears in the Gospels near the top of the lists of the Twelve. It was he who first introduced his brother Simon to Jesus (John 1:41). He was, in a real sense, the first home missionary (John 1:41), as well as the first foreign missionary (John 8:22). Tradition says that he was martyred by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. In A.D. 357 his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, from which it was later removed to the cathedral of Amalfi in Italy. Centuries later he was designated the patron saint of Scotland. The Feast of St. Andrew helps to determine the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew’s Day.

Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Advent**4 December 2016****Hymns:**

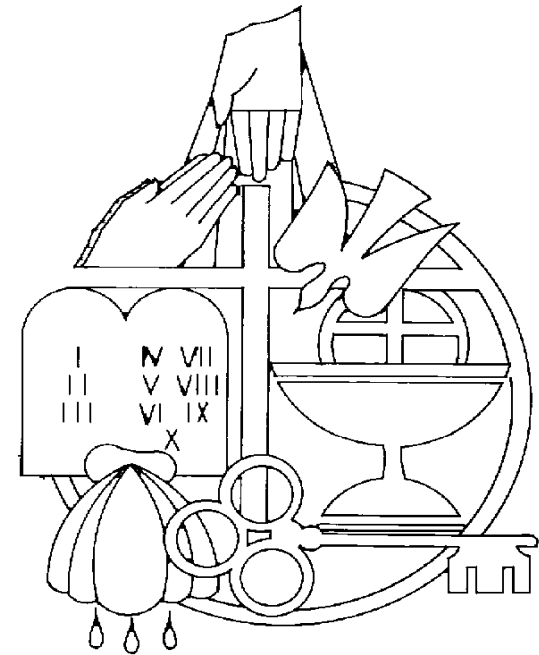
- LSB #337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending
- LSB #344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry
- LSB #346 When All the World Was Cursed
- LSB #347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
- LSB #359 Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
- LSB #901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Isaiah 11:1–10: From the family of Jesse (the father of King David) comes the Christ, anointed by the Spirit of the Lord for the bringing of righteousness and peace. He now gathers people from all the nations into His one holy Church.

Romans 15:1–13: In fulfilment of the Holy Scriptures and the promises of God, the Lord Jesus Christ has reconciled both Jews and Gentiles alike to the Father in Himself; wherein we also are granted joy and peace and hope in believing.

St. Matthew 3:1–12: The preaching and ministry of St. John the Baptist calls sinners to repentance and the forgiveness of sins by Christ, and to the new life that is lived by grace through faith in Him, bearing the fruits of righteousness.

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

929 East Milton Street, South Bend • (574) 287–4151 • emmaus24.org*Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor**Rev. David A. Seyboldt, Assistant Pastor***✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚****TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS****✚ THE FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT 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)

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:

Oscar Matter of Fort Wayne (a friend of Emmaus), who has recently been diagnosed with a severe medical condition;

Charles Horner, Sr. (at Hamilton Grove) with deteriorating health; and

Curt Dare, as he is struggling to find his way and establish himself in peace.

[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.

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

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]:

(Wednesday, 30 November): Collect for the Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle:

Almighty God, by Your grace the Apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the First Week in Advent Tide:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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.

The First Week in Advent Tide

27 Nov — 3 Dec 2016

This Week in the Church Year

The historic Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent—the narrative of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on the brink of His Passion (on "Palm Sunday")—sets the keynote, not only for the Advent Season, but for the entire Church Year and, really, for the entire Christian life: The Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, comes to us in voluntary meekness and humility, in order to save us. As He came into the holy city of Jerusalem, on the back of a donkey, to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world, so does He come to His Church with the fruits of His Passion in His unassuming Word and Sacraments.

Emphasis: The Lord Comes in Humility and Meekness to Save Us Now

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

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24, 150	121, 145	33, 146	50, 89, 147:1-12	18:1-20; 147:13-21	102, 148	90, 149
Evening	25, 110	40, 67	85, 94	139, 53, 17	126, 62	130, 16	72, 80:8-19

**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: Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Readings for the First Week in Advent Tide:

Sunday, 27 November 2016

Isaiah 1:1–28; 1 Peter 1:1–12

Monday, 28 November 2016

Isaiah 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25

Tuesday, 29 November 2016 (The Patriarch Noah)

Isaiah 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12

Wednesday, 30 November 2016 (The Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle)

Isaiah 6:1—7:9; 1 Peter 2:13–25

(Ezekiel 3:16–21; Romans 10:10–18; and St. John 1:35–42)

Thursday, 1 December 2016

Isaiah 7:10—8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22

Friday, 2 December 2016

Isaiah 8:9—9:7; 1 Peter 4:1–19

Saturday, 3 December 2016

Isaiah 9:8—10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

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

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; that I may be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

The Hymns of the Week

“THE ADVENT OF OUR KING”

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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.