

people shall be my people, and your God my God” (Ruth 1:16). After Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, Boaz, a close relative of Elimelech, agreed to become Ruth’s “redeemer” (Ruth 3:7–13; 4:9–12). He took her as his wife, and Ruth gave birth to Obed, the grandfather of David (Ruth 4:13–17), thus preserving the Messianic Seed.

#### Commemoration of the Prophet Elijah

Thursday, 20 July

The Prophet Elijah, whose name means “My God is Yahweh [the Lord],” prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, mostly during the reign of Ahab (874–853 B.C.). Ahab, under the influence of his pagan wife Jezebel, had encouraged the worship of Baal throughout his kingdom, even as Jezebel sought to get rid of the worship of Yahweh. Elijah was called by God to denounce this idolatry and to call the people of Israel back to the worship of Yahweh as the only true God (as he did in 1 Kings 18:20–40). Elijah was a rugged and imposing figure, living in the wilderness and dressing in a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt (2 Kings 1:8). He was a prophet mighty in word and deed. Many miracles were done through Elijah, including the raising of the dead (1 Kings 17:17–24), and the effecting of a long drought in Israel (1 Kings 17:1). At the end of his ministry, he was taken up into heaven while Elisha, his successor, looked on (2 Kings 2:11). Later on the Prophet Malachi (4:5–6) proclaimed that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah, a prophecy that was fulfilled in the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist (Mt 11:14).

#### Commemoration of the Prophet Ezekiel

Friday, 21 July

Ezekiel, son of Buzi, was a priest, called by God to be a prophet to the exiles during the Babylonian captivity (Ez. 1:3). In 597 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army brought the king of Judah and thousands of the best citizens of Jerusalem—including Ezekiel—to Babylon (2 Kgs 24:8–16). Ezekiel’s priestly background profoundly stamped his prophecy, as the holiness of God and the Temple figure prominently in his messages (for example, Ezekiel 9–10 and 40–48). From 593 B.C. to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 586 B.C., Ezekiel prophesied the inevitability of divine judgment on Jerusalem, on the exiles in Babylon, and on seven nations that surrounded Israel (Ezekiel 1–32). Jerusalem would fall, and the exiles would not quickly return, as a just consequence of their sin. Once word reached Ezekiel that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed, his message became one of comfort and hope. Through him God promised that his people would experience future restoration, renewal and revival in the coming Messianic kingdom (Ezekiel 33–48). Much of the strange symbolism of Ezekiel’s prophecies was later employed in the Revelation to St. John.

#### The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday, 22 July

Whenever the New Testament Gospels name the women who followed Jesus, St. Mary Magdalene is listed first (John 19:25 is the only exception), perhaps because she was the first to see the risen Savior. St. Luke (8:2) reports that Jesus cast out seven demons from her. Through the centuries she has often been identified with the repentant “woman of the city” who anointed Jesus’ feet as He sat at the table in the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36–56); but there is no Biblical basis for that identification. Nor is she to be identified with Mary, the sister of Martha, in Bethany. According to the Gospels she saw Jesus die; she witnessed His burial; and she was the first to see Him alive again following His Resurrection (John 20:11–18). Because she was sent by the Lord to announce that good news to His disciples, she has been called “the apostle to the Apostles.”

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Apostles’ Tide

23 July 2017

Hymns: LSB #525; LSB #536; LSB #585; LSB #663; LSB #768; LSB #773

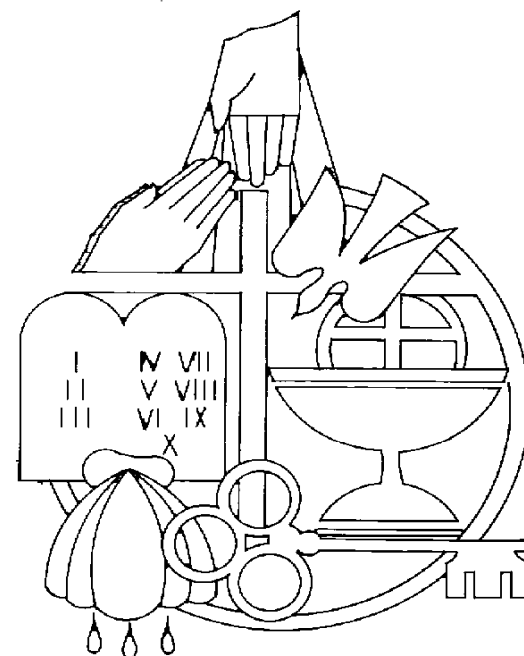
Readings: Isaiah 44:6–8; Romans 8:18–27; and St. Matthew 13:24–43

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE THIRD 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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- 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:*

*Eleanor Pettus & fiancé. Mark Schneider, as they are married this Saturday.*

**[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.***

**Commemoration of the Matriarch Ruth**

**Sunday, 16 July**

*Ruth of Moab, the subject of the Old Testament book that bears her name, is an inspiring example of God's grace. Although she was a Gentile, God made her the great grandmother of King David (Ruth 4:17), and an ancestress of Jesus himself (Matthew 1:5). A famine in Israel led Elimelech and Naomi of Bethlehem to emigrate to the neighboring nation of Moab with their two sons. The sons married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth, but after about ten years, Elimelech and his sons died (Ruth 1:1-5). Naomi then decided to return to Bethlehem and urged her daughters-in-law to return to their families. Orpah listened to Naomi's advice, but Ruth refused, replying with the stirring words: "Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your*

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*]:

*Collect for the Third Week of Apostles' Tide:*

**Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

(*Saturday, 22 July*): *Collect for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene:*

**Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ restored Mary Magdalene to health and called her to be the first witness of His Resurrection. Heal us from all our infirmities, and call us to know You in the power of Your Son's unending life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.*

## **The Third Week of Apostles' Tide**

**9–15 July 2017**

### ***This Week in the Church Year***

*In the Parable of the Sower, we are given a picture of Christ—the Word-made-Flesh—who causes the Word of the Gospel to be preached to all the nations of the earth, without prejudice or partiality. It is the Word of Christ that brings forth faith and life and the fruits of faith in abundance. It is only by His grace, by His Word & Spirit, that the rocky, barren soil of our hearts is made receptive and fertile; and only by His gracious Word and Holy Spirit that we are protected and preserved in the one truth faith, kept safe and secure in Christ within His Church, lest the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh mislead us away from His Word into unbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice.*

### ***Emphasis: The Preaching of the Gospel Bears the Fruits of Faith***

#### ***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 65                      (and/or one or more of the appointed daily Psalms listed below)**

<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<i>Morning</i>	19, 150	135, 145	15, 146	123, 147:1–12	36, 147:13–21	130, 148	56, 149
<i>Evening</i>	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	80, 27	32, 139	73, 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: Isaiah 40:8*

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God stands forever.

*Readings for the Third Week of Apostles' Tide:*

*Sunday, 16 July 2017* (The Matriarch Ruth)

Judges 16:4–30; Galatians 4:12–31

*Monday, 17 July 2017*

1 Samuel 1:1–20; Galatians 5:1–26

*Tuesday, 18 July 2017*

1 Samuel 1:21—2:17; Galatians 6:1–18

*Wednesday, 19 July 2017*

1 Samuel 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41

*Thursday, 20 July 2017* (The Prophet Elijah)

1 Samuel 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22

*Friday, 21 July 2017* (The Prophet Ezekiel)

1 Samuel 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40

*Saturday, 22 July 2017* (The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene)

1 Samuel 5:1—6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28

(Proverbs 31:10–31; Acts 13:26–31; and St. John 20:1–18)

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Table of Duties, continued*

**TO PARENTS**

**“Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”** (Ephesians 6:4)

**TO CHILDREN**

**“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’”** (Ephesians 6:1–3)

**TO WORKERS OF ALL KINDS**

**“Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”** (Ephesians 6:5–8)

**TO EMPLOYEES AND SUPERVISORS**

**“Masters, do the same things to [your bondservants], giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”** (Ephesians 6:9)

**The Hymns of the Week**

**“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”**

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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.**