

Commemoration of St. Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr Saturday, 16 Sept

Cyprian (ca. 200–258) was acclaimed bishop of the north African city of Carthage around A.D. 248. During a period of intense persecution under the Roman Emperor Decius, Cyprian fled Carthage (for the protection of his flock, for whom he continued to provide pastoral care through correspondence); he returned two years later. He was then forced to deal with the problem of Christians who had lapsed from the faith under persecution and now wanted to return to the Communion of the Church. It was decided that these lapsed Christians could be restored, but that their restoration would take place only after a period of penance that demonstrated their faithfulness. During another persecution, under Emperor Valerian, Cyprian at first went into hiding but later gave himself up to the authorities. He was beheaded for the faith in Carthage in A.D. 258.

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

Looking forward to the Sixth Sunday in Martyrs' Tide 17 September 2017

Hymns:

- LSB #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
- LSB #501 Come Down, O Love Divine
- LSB #609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
- LSB #610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me
- LSB #656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- LSB #843 "Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive"
- LSB #845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Genesis 50:15–21: Following the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph graciously forgives his brothers for the evil they had done to them. He confesses that the Lord, all along, had Joseph in His keeping; and more important, that He used the evil intentions of Joseph's brothers to bring about a great salvation for the world: not only the famine relief, but the preservation of the promised Seed.

Romans 14:1–12: In the freedom of the Gospel, we live by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone; and as such, before God, all things are free to us. Yet, in love toward our neighbor, we set aside our freedom in order to serve one another, for Christ Jesus' sake. For whether we live or die, we are the Lord's!

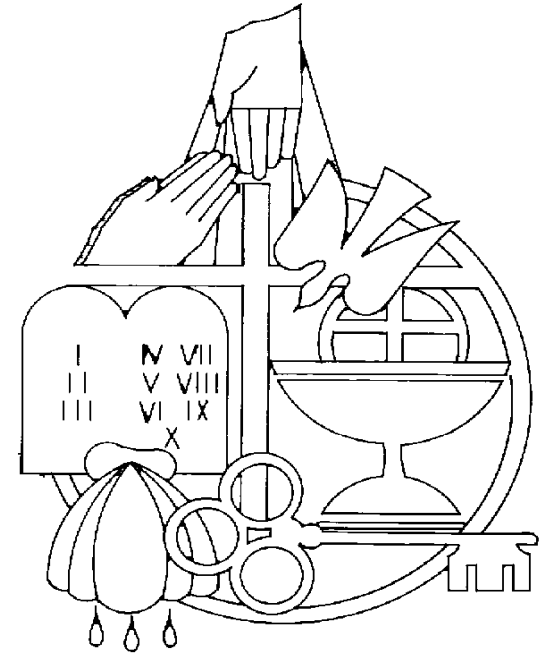
Saint Matthew 18:21–35: The fundamental importance and necessity of forgiveness is illustrated, in response to a question from St. Peter, by our Lord's Parable of the unmerciful servant. It is frightening to realize that our failure to forgive those who trespass against us, is a rejection of the Lord's forgiveness of our far greater and vastly more numerous trespasses against Him! Thanks be to God that, in the face of our ingratitude, He has remained merciful and faithful to us, and has given His only Son to die for us — to pay off our debt in full.

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FIFTH WEEK OF MARTYRS' 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)



Daniel Bliese & Eleanor Harrison, as they are to be married on Saturday; and Suha Horner, Anna Hart, Hannah Stuckwisch, Sarah Rhein, and their unborn children, that the Lord would preserve them in peace, health, and safety.

[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 Holy Cross Day

Thursday, 14 September

One of the earliest annual celebrations of the Church, Holy Cross Day traditionally commemorated the finding of the original Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem by St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, on the 14th of September, A.D. 320. The festival day was made official in conjunction with the dedication of a basilica at the holy site of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection in A.D. 335 by order of Constantine. A devout Christian, Helena had helped in locating and authenticating many sites related to the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus throughout the Biblical lands. Holy Cross Day has remained popular in both the Eastern and Western Christian Churches. Many Lutheran parishes have chosen the title "Holy Cross" for the name of their church building and congregation. For our purposes, it is not so much about a remnant or "relic" of the historic Cross, but another way in which Christ and Him Crucified is lifted up among us in the preaching of the Gospel and in the faithful administration of His Holy Sacraments, whereby He calls all people to Himself (St. John 12:20–50).

(Thursday, 14 September): Collect for the Feast of Holy Cross Day:

Merciful God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Fifth Week of Martyrs' Tide:

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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:

The people out west facing fires, and those out east dealing with hurricanes;

Garold & Marion Grossnickle, as they celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary, and as Garold continues his rehabilitation following a recent seizure;

This Week in the Church Year

The "greatness" of the Kingdom of Heaven is like that of a little child; which is to say that all things are given to us by grace, by the Father in His love for us, for Jesus' sake, and not by any merit or worthiness on our part. Accordingly, we recognize the fervent love that the Holy Triune God has for the lost, whom He seeks out and brings in mercy to Himself through repentance and faith in the forgiveness of sins. Likewise do we strive to be reconciled with our neighbors, seeking their forgiveness wherever we have sinned against them, while also gladly forgiving and doing good to those who sin against us.

Emphasis: We Live in the Kingdom as the Little Children of God

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 32:1–7 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

| Psalms | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Morning</i> | 19, 150 | 136, 145 | 28, 123 | 15, 147:1–11 | 98, 36, 147:12–20 | 130, 148 | 56, 149 |
| <i>Evening</i> | 81, 113 | 97, 112 | 30, 86 | 48, 4 | 40, 80, 27 | 32, 139 | 100, 62 |

**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. Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Readings for the Fifth Week of Martyrs’ Tide:

Sunday, 10 September 2017

2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29; Philippians 2:12–30

Monday, 11 September 2017

2 Chronicles 29:1–24; Philippians 3:1–21

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

2 Chronicles 31:1–21; Philippians 4:1–23

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

2 Chronicles 32:1–22; Colossians 1:1–23

Thursday, 14 September 2017 (The Feast of Holy Cross Day)

2 Chronicles 33:1–25; Colossians 1:24—2:7

(Numbers 21:4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; and St. John 12:20–33)

Friday, 15 September 2017

2 Chronicles 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33; Colossians 2:8–23

Saturday, 16 September 2017 (St. Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor & Martyr)

2 Chronicles 35:1–7, 16–25; Colossians 3:1–25

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Fifth Commandment

What is the Fifth Commandment?

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Hymns of the Week

“AS SURELY AS I LIVE,’ GOD SAID”

LSB #614

[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.