

Commemoration of the Prophet Jonah**Friday, 22 September**

A singular prophet among the many in the Old Testament, Jonah the son of Amittai was born about an hour's walk from the town of Nazareth. The focus of his prophetic ministry was the call to preach at Nineveh, the capital of pagan Assyria (Jonah 1:1). His reluctance to respond and God's insistence that His call be heeded is the story of the book that bears Jonah's name. Although the swallowing and disgorging of Jonah by the great fish is the most remembered detail of his life, it is addressed in only three verses of the book (1:17; 2:1, 10). Throughout the book, the important emphasis is how God deals compassionately with sinners. Significantly, though, Jonah's three-day sojourn in the belly of the fish is identified by the Lord Jesus Christ as a sign of His own death, burial, and resurrection (St. Matt. 12:39-41).

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

Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday in Martyrs' Tide 24 Sept 2017

Hymns:

- LSB #439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
- LSB #555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come
- LSB #557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way
- LSB #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- LSB #738 Lord of All Hopefulness
- LSB #745 In God, My Faithful God
- LSB #783 Take My Life and Let It Be

Isaiah 55:6-9: *The way and wisdom of the Lord are foolishness to the world, in that He calls sinners to repentance and forgiveness, and He rewards them with His divine compassion, not for the sake of any merit, but by His grace alone.*

Philippians 1:12-30: *Our entire life is in Christ Jesus, who is Himself our Life and our Salvation. So whether we live or die in this world, we are the Lord's. Hence, while we live here on earth, we serve our neighbor within our vocations by grace through faith, for Jesus' sake, according to the Word of God. Likewise our suffering for His sake resounds unto His glory and to the benefit of others.*

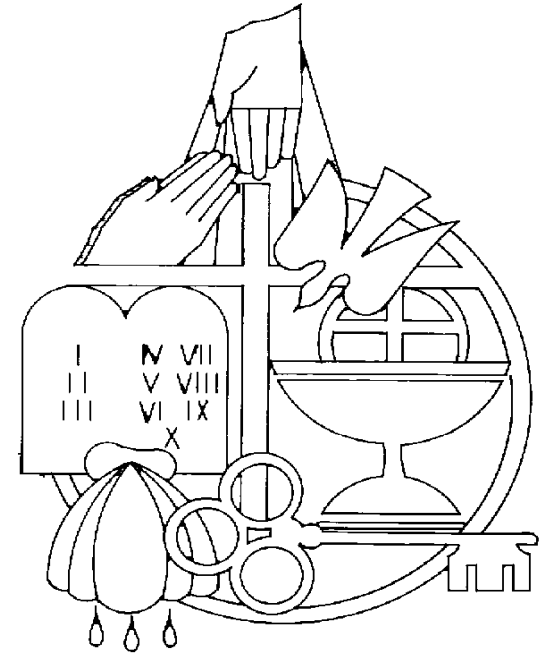
St. Matthew 20:1-16: *The familiar Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard does not pertain to the free and full salvation that may be granted even to those who come to faith at the last minute (although that point is true enough, as well). Rather, those who are sent as workers into the Vineyard of the Lord signify the vocations in life to which the disciples of Jesus are called. All of those many and varied vocations, and the wide diversity of service within those vocations, do not avail as any merit or worthiness before the Lord, but are undertaken in faith and with thanksgiving to the One who is gracious and without partiality.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE SIXTH 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)*

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[*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 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Thursday, 21 September

St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax-collector: one who was therefore unclean, a public sinner, outcast from the Jews. Yet, it was such a one as this whom the Lord Jesus called away from his occupation and wealth to become a Disciple (St. Matt. 9:9–13). Not only did Matthew become a Disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord's Twelve Apostles (St. Matt. 10:2–4). In time, he became the Evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Among the four Holy Gospels, St. Matthew's portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (5:17) and establishes a New Covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (26:27–28). St. Matthew's Gospel is also well known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (2:1–12); for the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Our Father (chapters 5–7); for the institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (28:16–20). In celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew, we give thanks to God that He has mightily governed and protected His holy Church, also through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pastures with the Holy Gospel.

[The Collects of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:

(Thursday, 21 Sept): Collect for the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist:

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an Apostle and Evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for the Sixth Week of Martyrs' Tide:

O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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.
- 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:

- Hilda Tharp and family, as they mourn the death of her husband, Robert;
- Daniel & Eleanor Bliese, as they have begun their married life together; and
- Pastor Stuckwisch and the other members of the Indiana District Board of Directors, as they are meeting in Indianapolis on Thursday of this week.

The Sixth Week of Martyrs' Tide

17-23 September 2017

This Week in the Church Year

Like the bronze serpent on the pole in the wilderness, the Feast of Holy Cross Day this past week (14 Sept) has turned our eyes in faith to Christ upon the Cross. There He is lifted up in death, becoming the very curse of sin for us, in order to redeem us and bless us by grace. All those who look to Him in faith — to the Crucified One, who is actively present and powerful to save in the waters of Holy Baptism, in the spoken Word of Holy Absolution, and with His own body and blood in the Holy Communion — all those who look to Him shall not die, but live! And as we are thus forgiven, so do we also forgive.

Emphasis: We Are Forgiven and Forgiving, by the Holy Cross

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 103:1-12 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

| Psalms | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Morning | 67, 150 | 51, 145 | 54, 146 | 65, 147:1-11 | 92, 143, 147:12-20 | 86, 148 | 122, 149 |
| Evening | 46, 93 | 85, 47 | 28, 99 | 125, 91 | 81, 119:33-40 | 6, 19 | 141, 90 |

**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 6:14

(Jesus said): “If you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

Readings for the Sixth Week of Martyrs’ Tide:

Sunday, 17 September 2017

2 Chronicles 36:1–23; Colossians 4:1–18

Monday, 18 September 2017

Nehemiah 1:1—2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1–20

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

Nehemiah 2:11–20; 4:1–6; 1 Timothy 2:1–15

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

Nehemiah 4:7–23; 1 Timothy 3:1–16

Thursday, 21 Sept 17 (The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)

Nehemiah 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Timothy 4:1–16

(Ezekiel 2:8—3:11; Ephesians 4:7–16; and St. Matthew 9:9–13)

Friday, 22 September 2017 (The Prophet Jonah)

Nehemiah 7:1–4; 8:1–18; 1 Timothy 5:1–16

Saturday, 23 September 2017

Nehemiah 9:1–21; 1 Timothy 5:17—6:2

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Sixth Commandment

What is the Sixth Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Hymns of the Week

“JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW”

LSB #440

[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.