

Commemoration of the Prophet Elijah**Friday, 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**Saturday, 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.

Looking forward to the Fourth Sunday in Apostles’ Tide**22 July 2018****Hymns**

- LSB #510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West
- LSB #536 One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure
- LSB #625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread
- LSB #644 The Church’s One Foundation
- LSB #683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
- LSB #793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
- LSB #797 Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him

Jeremiah 23:1–6: *The Lord Himself, the incarnate Son of God, Christ Jesus, has been established as our great good Shepherd and our King.*

Ephesians 2:11–22: *The Church is built on the oundation of the Apostles and Prophets of our Lord Jesus Christ, with Christ Himself the chief Cornerstone.*

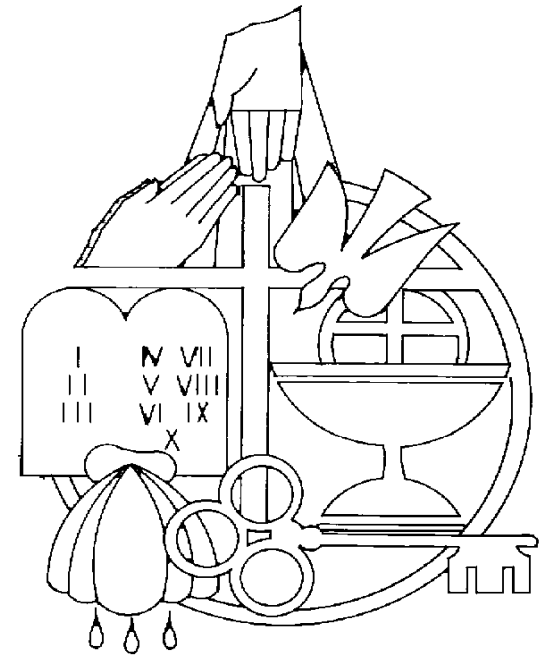
St. Mark 6:30–44: *With divine compassion for His Sheep, Jesus the Good Shepherd feeds them with Daily Bread, for body and soul, unto life everlasting.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE THIRD WEEK IN 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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In our Prayers this Week at Emmaus:

Matthew & Oly'Anna Harrison, as they have been united in holy matrimony and begun their wedded life together; and

Aaron Seyboldt & Alexis Tevlin, as they are to be married in early August; and Roger Hill & Alexa Smith, as they are to be married in early November.

[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

Monday, 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 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.

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 Collect of the Week, Intercessions for each day of the week, and Special Petitions]:

Collect for the Third Week in Apostles' Tide:

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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.

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.

The Third Week in Apostles' Tide

15-21 July 2018

This Week in the Church Year

St. John the Baptist, like the Prophets before him, and like Christ and His Apostles who come after, suffers for the sake of the Word that he is sent to proclaim in the Name of the Lord. The suffering and martyrdom of such faithful servants of the Word is centered in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, where it also finds its meaning and fulfillment. It is likewise that Cross that Christian disciples are given to share in Holy Baptism, which ushers us into a daily and lifelong 'martyrdom' of repentance. We die to ourselves and to our sin, drowning and destroying our old Adam with all his sinful lusts and desires, in order to be raised to new life in Christ through the gift of forgiveness from His Cross.

Emphasis: Christ Serves His Church by the Way of the 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 85:8-13 (and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)

Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	19, 150	136, 145	123, 146	15, 147:1-11	36, 147:12-20	130, 148	56, 149
Evening	81, 113	97, 112	30, 86	48, 4	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 5:10

“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Readings for the Third Week in Apostles' Tide:

Sunday, 15 July 2018

Judges 15:1—16:3; Galatians 3:23—4:11

Monday, 16 July 2018 (The Matriarch Ruth)

Judges 16:4–30; Galatians 4:12–31

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

1 Samuel 1:1–20; Galatians 5:1–26

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

1 Samuel 1:21—2:17; Galatians 6:1–18

Thursday, 19 July 2018

1 Samuel 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41

Friday, 20 July 2018 (The Prophet Elijah)

1 Samuel 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22

Saturday, 21 July 2018 (The Prophet Ezekiel)

1 Samuel 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Table of Duties

TO YOUTH

“You younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

(1 Peter 5:5–6)

TO WIDOWS

“She who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.” (1 Timothy 5:5–6)

TO EVERYONE

“The commandments . . . are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Romans 13:9)

“I exhort . . . that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.” (1 Timothy 2:1)

The Hymn of the Week

“JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE”

LSB #743

[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.