

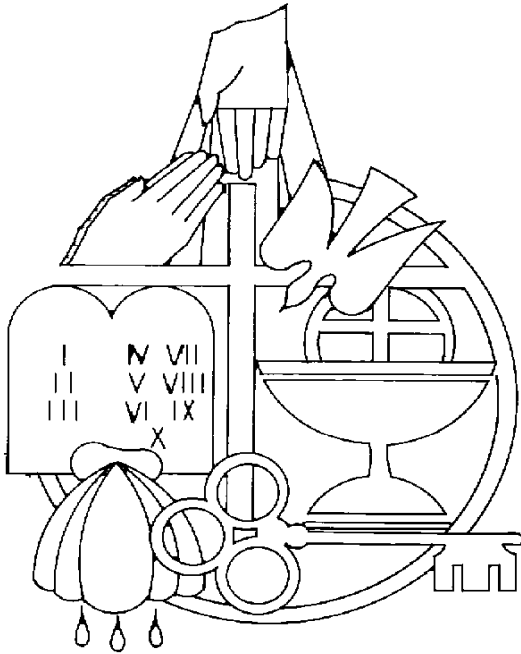
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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE FIRST WEEK OF ANGELS' 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)



This Week in the Church Year

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him. Rather Christ descends from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between Heaven and earth. Thus the Lord was present in the Flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In Holy Absolution He raises up the new man and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day.

Emphasis: Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

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.**

Psalm 139 *(and/or one or more of the appointed Psalms listed below)*

| <i>Psalms</i> | <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| <i>Morning</i> | 103, 150 | 5, 145 | 42, 103, 146 | 89:1–18, 147:1–11 | 97, 147:12–20 | 51, 148 | 104, 149 |
| <i>Evening</i> | 117, 139 | 84, 29 | 91, 102, 133 | 1, 33 | 16, 62 | 142, 65 | 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: St. Matthew 9:6

Know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

Readings for the First Week of Angels' Tide:

Sunday, 1 October 2023

Deuteronomy 2:16–37; St. Matthew 6:16–34

Monday, 2 October 2023

Deuteronomy 3:1–29; St. Matthew 7:1–12

Tuesday, 3 October 2023

Deuteronomy 4:1–20; St. Matthew 7:13–29

Wednesday, 4 October 2023

Deuteronomy 4:21–40; St. Matthew 8:1–17

Thursday, 5 October 2023

Deuteronomy 5:1–21; St. Matthew 8:18–34

Friday, 6 October 2023

Deuteronomy 5:22—6:9; St. Matthew 9:1–17

Saturday, 7 October 2023 *(Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor)*

Deuteronomy 6:10–25; St. Matthew 9:18–38

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Eighth Commandment

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Hymn of the Week

“LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART”

LSB #708

[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.

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

Collect for the First Week of Angels' Tide:

O Almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; 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:

Zachariah, foster son of Rev. Rob & Gayle Franck, suffering complications from heart surgery; and

Pat Nering, recovering at her children's home in Terre Haute; and

Alyssa Horner, Hannah Walsh, Emma Heinz, and all expectant mothers, their husbands and families, and their unborn children.

[*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.

Commemoration of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor**Saturday, 7 October**

Moving from the Old World to the New, Muhlenberg established the shape of Lutheran parishes for America during a 45-year ministry in Pennsylvania. Born at Einbeck, Germany, in 1711, he came to the American colonies in 1742. A tireless traveler, Muhlenberg helped to found many Lutheran congregations and was the guiding force behind the first American Lutheran synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, founded in 1748. He valued the role of music in Lutheran worship (often serving as his own organist) and was also the guiding force in preparing the first American Lutheran liturgy (also in 1748). Muhlenberg is remembered as a church leader, a journalist, a liturgist, and—above all—a pastor to the congregation in his charge. He died in 1787, leaving behind a large extended family and a lasting heritage: American Lutheranism.

Looking forward to the Second Sunday of Angels' Tide (Trinity XX) 8 October 2023

Hymns:

LSB #823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace
LSB #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
LSB #510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West
LSB #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
LSB #919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus
LSB #655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
ES #57 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

Isaiah 54:17b—55:11: *The wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free – but is accomplished by the work for which Christ, the Word of God, is sent.*

Ephesians 5:15–21: *Let us seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

St. Matthew 22:1–14: *The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast.” But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. Those rejecting the Spirit's work shall face God's wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*