

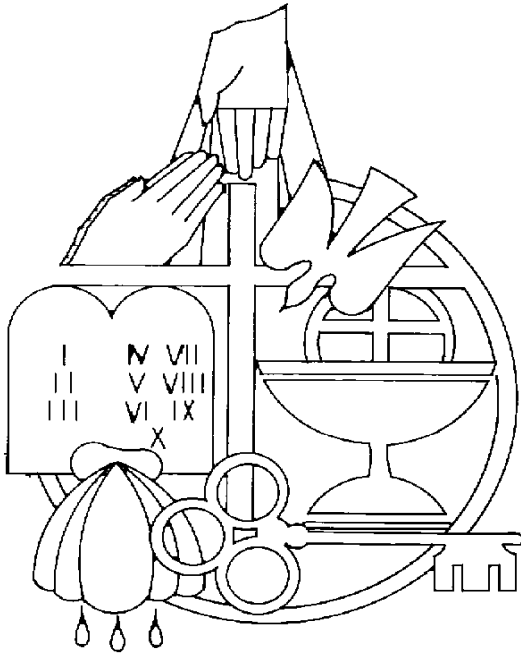
# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ THE WEEK OF SEPTUAGESIMA ✚

*“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)*



# **The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord**

## *IV. Good Works (continued)*

*Secondly, when it is taught that good works are necessary, it must also be explained why and for what reasons they are necessary, which reasons are enumerated in the Augsburg Confession and Apology.*

*But here we must be well on our guard lest works are drawn and mingled into the article of justification and salvation. Therefore the propositions are justly rejected, that to believers good works are necessary for salvation, so that it is impossible to be saved without good works. For they are directly contrary to the doctrine de particulis exclusivis in articulo iustificationis et salvationis (concerning the exclusive particles in the article of justification and salvation), that is, they conflict with the words by which St. Paul has entirely excluded our works and merits from the article of justification and salvation, and ascribed everything to the grace of God and the merit of Christ alone, as explained in the preceding article. Again, they [these propositions concerning the necessity of good works for salvation] take from afflicted, troubled consciences the comfort of the Gospel, give occasion for doubt, are in many ways dangerous, strengthen presumption in one's own righteousness and confidence in one's own works; besides, they are accepted by the Papists, and in their interest adduced against the pure doctrine of the alone-saving faith. Moreover, they are contrary to the form of sound words, as it is written that blessedness is only of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Rom. 4:6. Likewise, in the Sixth Article of the Augsburg Confession it is written that we are saved without works, by faith alone. Thus Dr. Luther, too, has rejected and condemned these propositions:*

- 1. In the false prophets among the Galatians [who led the Galatians into error].*
- 2. In the Papists, in very many places.*
- 3. In the Anabaptists, when they present this interpretation: We should not indeed rest faith upon the merit of works, but we must nevertheless have them as things necessary to salvation.*
- 4. Also in some others among his own followers, who wished to interpret this proposition thus: Although we require works as necessary to salvation, yet we do not teach to place trust in works. On Gen. 22.*

*Accordingly, and for the reasons now enumerated, it is justly to remain settled in our churches, namely, that the aforesaid modes of speech should not be taught, defended, or excused, but be thrown out of our churches and repudiated as false and incorrect, and as expressions which were renewed in consequence of the Interim, originated from it, and were [again] drawn into discussion in times of persecution, when there was especial need of a clear, correct confession against all sorts of corruptions and adulterations of the article of justification.*

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

*Similar to how the people of Israel were dissatisfied with the Lord’s provision in the wilderness, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them. They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first - those who rely on their own merits - will be last. But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock – the One struck from whose side Blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.*

***Emphasis: Grace Alone***

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

<i><b>Psalms</b></i>	<i><b>Sunday</b></i>	<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>	<i><b>Saturday</b></i>
<i><b>Morning</b></i>	67, 89, 150	51, 89, 145	54, 89, 146	65, 147:1–11	143, 147:12–20	86, 148	122, 149
<i><b>Evening</b></i>	46, 71, 93	85, 67, 47	28, 71, 99	125, 91	81, 116	6, 103	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: Daniel 9:18***

We do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy.

***Readings for the Week of Septuagesima:***

***Sunday, 28 January 2024***

Zechariah 6:1—7:14; Romans 16:17–27

***Monday, 29 January 2024***

Zechariah 8:1–23; 2 Timothy 1:1–18

***Tuesday, 30 January 2024***

Zechariah 9:1–17; 2 Timothy 2:1–26

***Wednesday, 31 January 2024***

Zechariah 10:1—11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1–18

***Thursday, 1 February 2024***

Zechariah 11:4–17; 2 Timothy 4:1–18

***Friday, 2 February 2024*** *(The Presentation of Our Lord)*

Zechariah 12:1—13:9; Titus 1:1—2:6

*(Malachi 3:1–4; Hebrews 2:14–18; St. Luke 2:22–32)*

***Saturday, 3 February 2024***

Zechariah 14:1–21; Titus 2:7—3:15

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

***The Catechism: The Lord's Prayer***

*What is the Fourth Petition?*

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?*

**God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

*What is meant by daily bread?*

**Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

**The Hymn of the Week**

**“SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME”**

**LSB #555**

*[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 Week of Septuagesima:*

**O Lord, we beseech You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness, for the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Collect for the Presentation of Our Lord (February 2):*

**Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech Your Majesty, that, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto You with pure and clean hearts; through the same 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 Franck, son of Rev. Rob & Gayle Franck, continuing to suffer from complications and setbacks from heart surgery; and*

*Kimberly Siek, confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran faith this morning; and*

*Benjamin Horner and Azrielle Ritzman who will be united in Holy Marriage next Sunday, February 4, at Redeemer—Ft. Wayne; and.*

*Hannah Walsh, Emma Heinz, Hannah Stuckwisch, Cecilia Stuckwisch, Rachel James, Emily Demarest, 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.*

#### **The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**

**Friday, 2 February**

*Thirty-two days after Jesus' circumcision, and seventy weeks after the announcement of John's birth to Zechariah by the angel Gabriel, the Lord comes to His temple to fulfill the Law (Luke 2:22–38). The days are indeed fulfilled with the Presentation. Jesus' parents keep the Law and fulfill it by bringing Jesus to His true home. Also, Jesus' parents offer the alternative sacrifice of two turtledoves or two pigeons. Leviticus 12:8 allows this instead of a lamb, since not everyone could afford a lamb (showing the poverty and humility of Joseph and Mary). And yet no lamb was necessary because already here at forty days old, Jesus is the Lamb of God brought to His temple for sacrifice. Simeon's canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, is a beautiful example of the immediate response to this inauguration of God's consolation and redemption in the Christ Child. Speaking to Mary, Simeon also prophesies concerning the destiny of the Child in His Cross and Passion.*

**Hymns:**

LSB #577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast  
LSB #823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace  
LSB #895 Now Thank We All Our God  
LSB #655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
LSB #778 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord  
ES #57 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold  
LSB #580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace  
LSB #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

**Isaiah 55:10–13:** *Jesus is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10-13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.*

**II Corinthians 11:19—12:9:** *Jesus is the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong .*

**St. Luke 8:4–15:** *The Sower sows the seed of His Word. This Word is living and powerful to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain.*