

**The Feast of St. Mark, the Evangelist****Thursday, 25 April**

*St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some early Church Fathers, when the Christians in Rome asked him to write down the preaching of the Apostle Peter. Mark, also known as John Mark, was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem Church (Acts 12:12). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (12:25) before setting out with them on the first missionary journey. When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the second missionary journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (15:37–40). Later on Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria and became its first bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr's death.*

**Looking forward to Cantate (Easter V)****28 April 2024****Hymns:**

- LSB #467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
- LSB #460 Victimae Paschali laudes
- LSB #556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice
- LSB #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
- ES #84 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises
- LSB #528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
- LSB #155 This Is the Feast
- LSB #490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

**Isaiah 12:1–6:** *The Lord's anger for our sin is turned away from us in the Cross of the Lord Jesus. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we are brought to the wells of salvation in Holy Baptism, brought forth to new life in Him who is the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. We await our own bodily resurrection trusting in Him without fear.*

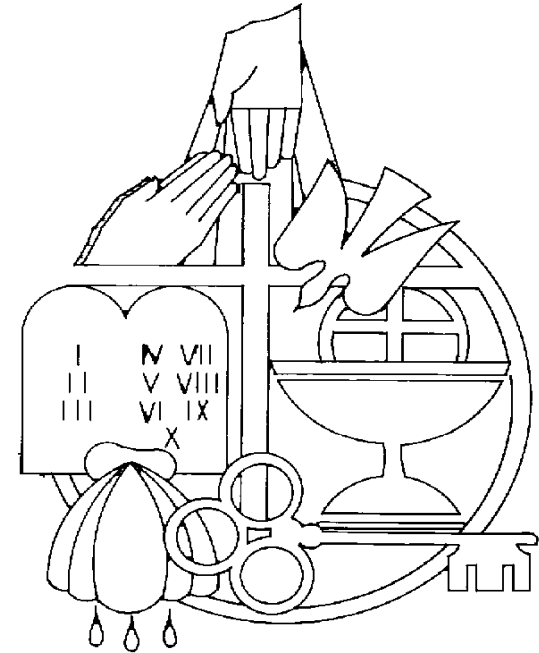
**James 1:17–21:** *Jesus sends forth the Spirit that, through Him, we may receive every good and perfect gift. The flesh is only disciplined and the Word believed through the gifts God gives in Christ.*

**St. John 16:5–15:** *Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. He sends for us the Spirit of Truth, who takes what is Christ's and declares it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the Cross.*

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✚ **DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY** ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✚ **THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER** ✚

***“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 Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord

### VII. The Lord's Supper (continued...)

*Negative Theses: Contrary, Condemned Doctrines of the Sacramentarians.*

*On the other hand, we unanimously reject and condemn all the following erroneous articles, which are opposed and contrary to the doctrine presented above, the simple faith, and the [pure] confession concerning the Lord's Supper;*

- 1. The papistic transubstantiation, when it is taught in the Papacy that in the Holy Supper the bread and wine lose their substance and natural essence, and are thus annihilated; that they are changed into the body of Christ, and the outward form alone remains.*
- 2. The papistic sacrifice of the Mass for the sins of the living and the dead.*
- 3. That [the sacrilege whereby] to laymen one form only of the Sacrament is given, and, contrary to the plain words of the testament of Christ, the cup is withheld from them, and they are [thus] deprived of His blood.*
- 4. When it is taught that the words of the testament of Christ must not be understood or believed simply as they read, but that they are obscure expressions, whose meaning must be sought first in other passages of Scripture.*
- 5. That in the Holy Supper the body of Christ is not received orally with the bread; but that with the mouth only bread and wine are received, the body of Christ, however, only spiritually by faith.*
- 6. That the bread and wine in the Holy Supper are nothing more than [symbols or] tokens by which Christians recognize one another.*
- 7. That the bread and wine are only figures, similitudes, and representations of the far absent body and blood of Christ.*
- 8. That the bread and wine are no more than a memorial, seal, and pledge, through which we are assured that when faith elevates itself to heaven, it there becomes partaker of the body and blood of Christ as truly as we eat bread and drink wine in the Supper.*
- 9. That the assurance and confirmation of our faith [concerning salvation] in the Holy Supper occur through the external signs of bread and wine alone, and not through the true, [verily] present body and blood of Christ.*
- 10. That in the Holy Supper only the power, efficacy, and merit of the absent body and blood of Christ are distributed.*
- 11. That the body of Christ is so enclosed in heaven that it can in no way be at once and at one time in many or all places upon earth where His Holy Supper is celebrated.*
- 12. That Christ has not promised, neither could have effected, the essential presence of His body and blood in the Holy Supper, because the nature and property of His assumed human nature cannot suffer nor permit it.*
- 13. That God, according to [even by] all His omnipotence (which is dreadful to hear), is not able to cause His body to be essentially present in more than one place at one time.*

[*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 St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor Sunday, 21 April**

*Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as the Archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian Church, affirming that it is the leadership of the church and not the state which has the responsibility of establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book, *Why God Became Man*, which taught that the reason for the incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.*

### **Commemoration of Johann Walter, Lutheran Kantor Wednesday, 24 April**

*Johann Walter (1496-1570) began service at the age of 21 as a composer and bass singer in the court chapel of Frederick the Wise. In 1524, he published a collection of hymns arranged according to the church year. It was well received and served as the model for numerous subsequent hymnals. In addition to serving for 30 years as kantor (church musician) in the cities of Torgau and Dresden, he also assisted Martin Luther in the preparation of the *Deutsche Messe* (1526). Walter is remembered as the first Lutheran kantor and composer of church music.*

all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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 feast of St. Mark (Thursday, April 25):*

**O almighty God, who has enriched Your Church with the precious Gospel written by Your Evangelist Saint Mark, give us grace that we may firmly believe Your glad tidings of salvation and daily walk as is becoming the Gospel of Christ; 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, that the Lord would continue to hold him and his family in His abiding mercy; and*

*Eric & Joanna Stinnett and family, LCMS missionaries to Ethiopia, as Joanna must return to the US for emergency medical care; and*

*Hannah Stuckwisch, Cecilia Stuckwisch, Rachel James, Emily Demarest, Rebekah Stuckwisch, Azrielle Horner, Joy Harrison, and all expectant mothers, their husbands and families, and their unborn children.*

## **The Fourth Week of Easter**

**21 – 27 April 2024**

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

*The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We are those who wait on the Lord. Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength." The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "And no one will take your joy from you."*

### ***Emphasis: Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice***

#### ***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 146**

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

<b><i>Psalms</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday</i></b>
<b><i>Morning</i></b>	92, 93, 150	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1–11	47, 147:12–20	96, 148	36, 92, 149
<b><i>Evening</i></b>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	78, 114

**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: II Corinthians 5:17*

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

*Readings for the Fourth Week of Easter:*

**Sunday, 21 April 2024** (St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)

Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36; St. Luke 9:1–17

**Monday, 22 April 2024**

Leviticus 9:1–24; St. Luke 9:18–36

**Tuesday, 23 April 2024**

Leviticus 10:1–20; St. Luke 9:37–62

**Wednesday, 24 April 2024** (Johann Walter, Kantor)

Leviticus 16:1–24; St. Luke 10:1–22

**Thursday, 25 April 2024** (St. Mark, Evangelist)

Leviticus 17:1–16; St. Luke 10:23–42

(Isaiah 52:7–10; Revelation 4:1–10a; St. John 15:1–7)

**Friday, 26 April 2024**

Leviticus 18:1–7, 18:20—19:8; St. Luke 11:1–13

**Saturday, 27 April 2024**

Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37; St. Luke 11:14–36

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Catechism: The Office of the Keys*

*What do you believe according to these words (St. John 20:22–23)?*

**I believe that when the Called Ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

**The Hymn of the Week**

**“WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE”**

**LSB #483**

[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 Jubilate:*

**Almighty God, who shows to them that be in error the light of Your truth to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto**