

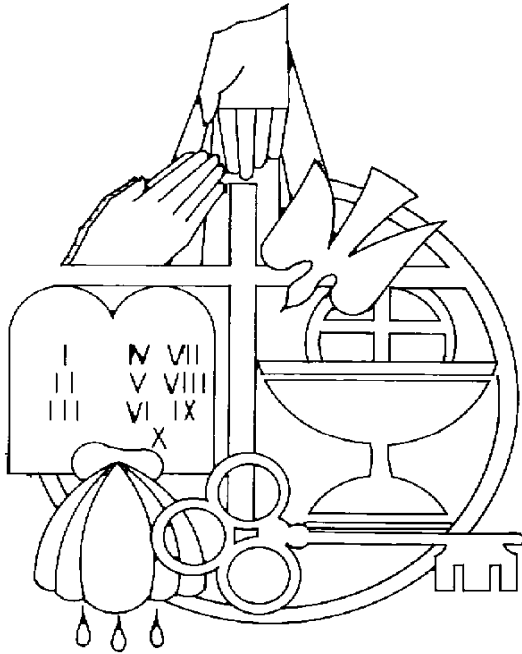
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✝ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✝

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

✝ THE FIFTH 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)



The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord

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

14. That not the omnipotent words of Christ's testament, but faith, produces and makes [is the cause of] the presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper.

15. That believers must not seek the body [and blood] of Christ in the bread and wine of the Holy Supper, but raise their eyes from the bread to heaven and there seek the body of Christ.

16. That unbelieving, impenitent Christians do not receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper, but only bread and wine.

17. That the worthiness of the guests at this heavenly meal consists not alone in true faith in Christ, but also in the external preparation of men.

18. That even the true believers, who have and retain a true, living, pure faith in Christ, can receive this Sacrament to their judgment, because they are still imperfect in their outward life.

19. That the external visible elements of the bread and wine should be adored in the Holy Sacrament.

20. Likewise, we consign also to the just judgment of God all presumptuous, frivolous, blasphemous questions (which decency forbids to mention) and [other] expressions, which most blasphemously and with great offense [to the Church] are proposed by the Sacramentarians in a gross, carnal, Capernaïtic way concerning the supernatural, heavenly mysteries of this Sacrament.

21. Hence we hereby utterly [reject and] condemn the Capernaïtic eating of the body of Christ, as though [we taught that] His flesh were rent with the teeth, and digested like other food, which the Sacramentarians, against the testimony of their conscience, after all our frequent protests, wilfully force upon us, and in this way make our doctrine odious to their hearers; and on the other hand, we maintain and believe, according to the simple words of the testament of Christ, the true, yet supernatural eating of the body of Christ, as also the drinking of His blood, which human senses and reason do not comprehend, but as in all other articles of faith our reason is brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and this mystery is not apprehended otherwise than by faith alone, and revealed in the Word alone.

This Week in the Church Year

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus - who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in Heaven - has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring 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. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid."

Emphasis: Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

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 66

(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>
<i>Morning</i>	93, 128	97, 145	98, 146	99, 147:1-11	47, 147:12-20	96, 103	92, 149
<i>Evening</i>	136, 117	124, 115	66, 116	8, 118	68, 113	50, 138	23, 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: Psalm 98:1

O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

Readings for the Fifth Week of Easter:

Sunday, 28 April 2024

Leviticus 20:1–16, 22–27; St. Luke 11:37–54

Monday, 29 April 2024

Leviticus 21:1–24; St. Luke 12:1–12

Tuesday, 30 April 2024

Leviticus 23:1–22; St. Luke 12:13–34

Wednesday, 1 May 2024 *(Sts. Philip & James, Apostles)*

Leviticus 23:23–44; St. Luke 12:35–53

(Isaiah 30:18–21; Ephesians 2:19–22; St. John 14:1–14)

Thursday, 2 May 2024 *(St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)*

Leviticus 24:1–23; St. Luke 12:54—13:17

Friday, 3 May 2024

Leviticus 26:1–20; St. Luke 13:18–35

Saturday, 4 May 2024 *(Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor & Missionary)*

Leviticus 26:21–33, 39–44; St. Luke 14:1–24

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

The Hymn of the Week

“DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE”

LSB #556

[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 Cantate:

O God, who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Your people that they may love what You command and desire what You do promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may

there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Sts. Philip & James (Wednesday, May 1):

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant unto us that, as Your Son gave knowledge of eternal life to Your Apostles Saints Philip and James by revealing Himself to them as the only Way to You, we may by a true and living faith ever know Him as our only Savior; through the same, Your dear Son, 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:

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

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 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 St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

Wednesday, 1 May

St. Philip is mentioned in the lists of the Apostles (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; Acts 1:13), but only in St. John's Gospel is anything more told about him. Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee; he was one of the first disciples called after Peter and Andrew, and he was also instrumental in bringing Nathanael to Jesus (St. John 1:43–51). It was to Philip that Jesus posed the question about where to buy bread to feed five thousand men (St. John 6:5). During Holy Week Philip, along with Andrew, brought some inquiring Greeks to Jesus (St. John 12:20–22). And on Maundy Thursday evening he asked Jesus to show the Father to him and the rest of the disciples (St. John 14:8). According to Tradition Philip went to labor in Phrygia and was buried there.

St. James was a son of Alphaeus and is sometimes called "the Younger" (to distinguish him from St. James the son of Zebedee, "the Elder," whose Feast day is July 25). James is mentioned in the same apostolic lists as Philip, but there is no other mention of him in the New Testament. There is also no information regarding his field of labor or the circumstances of his death, except that he may have been martyred by being sawn in two.

Commemoration of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor **Thursday, 2 May**

Athanasius was born in Alexandria in Egypt in A.D. 295. He served as a church leader in a time of great controversy and ecclesiastical disagreements. At the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325,

he defended Christian orthodoxy against the proponents of the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Jesus Christ. During his 45-year tenure as bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius wrote numerous works that defended the orthodox teaching. His enemies had him exiled five times; on two occasions he was almost murdered. Yet Athanasius remained steadfast and ended his days restored fully to his church responsibilities. The Athanasian Creed, though not actually composed by Athanasius, is named in his honor because it confesses the doctrinal orthodoxy he championed throughout his life.

Commemoration of Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor & Missionary Saturday, 4 May

Friedrich Wyneken is one of the founding fathers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, along with C.F.W. Walther and Wilhelm Sihler. Born in 1810 in Germany, he came to Baltimore in 1838 and shortly thereafter accepted the Lord's Divine Call to be the pastor of congregations in Friedheim and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Supported by Wilhelm Löhe's mission society, Wyneken served as an itinerant missionary in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, particularly among the Native Americans. Together with Löhe and Sihler, he founded Concordia Theological Seminary in 1846 in Fort Wayne. He later served as the second president of the LCMS during a period of significant growth (1850-64). His leadership strongly influenced the confessional character of the LCMS and its commitment to an authentic Lutheran witness.

Looking forward to Rogate (Easter VI)

5 May 2024

Hymns:

- LSB #714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode
- LSB #460 Victimae Paschali laudes
- LSB #766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
- LSB #504 Father Most Holy
- LSB #895 Now Thank We All Our God
- ES #49 In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord
- LSB #663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
- LSB #481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Numbers 21:4–9: Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father .

James 1:22–27: Looking into the perfect teaching of liberty that Jesus is our only Mediator before the Father, we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

St. John 16:23b–30: To pray in Jesus' Name is to pray as one who has been Baptized. For it is in the water that He put His Name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father.