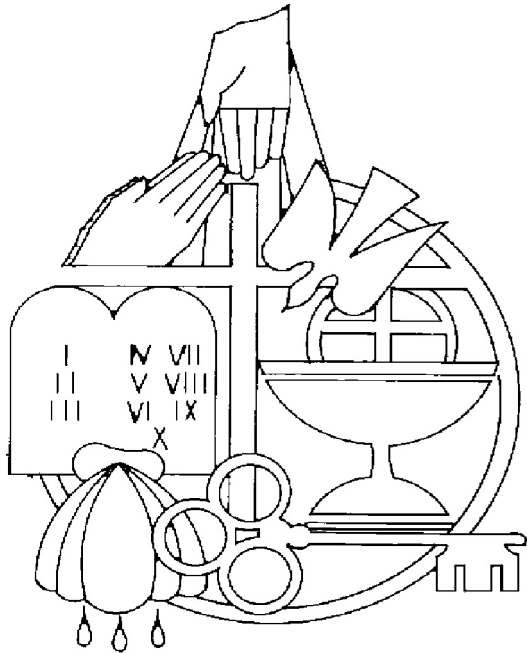


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## ✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

### ✚ THE WEEK OF PENTECOST ✚

***“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

### XI. Election (continued...)

*Accordingly, if any one presents the doctrine concerning the gracious election of God in such a manner that troubled Christians cannot derive comfort from it, but are thereby incited to despair, or that the impenitent are confirmed in their wantonness, it is undoubtedly sure and true that such a doctrine is taught, not according to the Word and will of God, but according to [the blind judgment of human] reason and the instigation of the devil.*

*For, as the apostle testifies, Rom. 15:4: Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. But when this consolation and hope are weakened or entirely removed by Scripture, it is certain that it is understood and explained contrary to the will and meaning of the Holy Ghost.*

*By this simple, correct [clear], useful explanation which has a firm and good foundation in God's revealed will, we abide; we flee from, and shun, all lofty, acute questions and disputations [useless for edifying]; and reject and condemn whatever is contrary to these simple, useful explanations.*

*So much concerning the controverted articles which have been discussed for many years already among the theologians of the Augsburg Confession, in which some have erred and severe controversiae (controversies), that is, religious disputes, have arisen.*

*From this our explanation, friends and enemies, and therefore every one, may clearly infer that we have no intention of yielding aught of the eternal, immutable truth of God for the sake of temporal peace, tranquillity, and unity (which, moreover, is not in our power to do). Nor would such peace and unity, since it is devised against the truth and for its suppression, have any permanency. Still less are we inclined to adorn and conceal a corruption of the pure doctrine and manifest, condemned errors. 96 But we entertain heartfelt pleasure and love for, and are on our part sincerely inclined and anxious to advance, that unity according to our utmost power, by which His glory remains to God uninjured, nothing of the divine truth of the Holy Gospel is surrendered, no room is given to the least error, poor sinners are brought to true, genuine repentance, raised up by faith, confirmed in new obedience, and thus justified and eternally saved alone through the sole merit of Christ.*

## The Week of Pentecost

8 – 14 June 2025

### *This Week in the Church Year*

*The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church is the bestowal of divine Life from the Father in Christ Jesus, the Incarnate Son. This gift of the Spirit and of Life with God is poured out generously by the way and the means of the Gospel, the forgiveness of sins. On that first Christian Pentecost, and in the divine call and ordination of pastors in our own day, the Spirit is given in and with the Office of the Ministry for the preaching and administration of the Gospel. And by this Ministry of the Gospel, the same Holy Spirit is breathed into poor, miserable sinners, to raise them from the death of sin unto faith and life in Christ Jesus, our Savior. By this Spirit of Christ, man becomes a living being.*

### **Emphasis: The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus**

#### **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 148**

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

<i><b>Psalms</b></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>	103; 150	48; 5; 145	78; 42; 146	89:1-18; 147:1-11	97; 147:12-20	51; 148	104; 149
<i>Evening</i>	117; 139	43; 84; 29	27; 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: Zechariah 12:10*

I will pour out the Spirit of grace and pleas for mercy.

### **Readings for the Seventh Week of Easter:**

#### **Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025**

Numbers 21:10–35; St. Luke 21:10–38

#### **Pentecost Monday, 9 June 2025**

Numbers 22:1–20; St. Luke 22:1–23

#### **Pentecost Tuesday, 10 June 2025**

Numbers 22:21—23:3; St. Luke 22:24–46

#### **Pentecost Wednesday, 11 June 2025** *(St. Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr)*

Numbers 23:4–28; St. Luke 22:47–71

*(Isaiah 42:5-12; Acts 13:44-52; St. Luke 10:1-7a)*

#### **Pentecost Thursday, 12 June 2025** *(The Council of Nicaea)*

Numbers 24:1–25; St. Luke 23:1–25

#### **Pentecost Friday, 13 June 2025**

Numbers 27:12–23; St. Luke 23:26–56

#### **Pentecost Saturday, 14 June 2025** *(The Prophet Elisha)*

Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27; St. Luke 24:1–27

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Catechism: The Table of Duties*

### TO BISHOPS, PASTORS, AND PREACHERS

“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence.” (1 Timothy 3:2–4)

“He must not be a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.” (1 Timothy 3:6)

“He must hold fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.” (Titus 1:9)

### WHAT THE HEARERS OWE THEIR PASTORS

“The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should live from the Gospel.” (1 Corinthians 9:14)

“Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” (Galatians 6:6–7)

“Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer is worthy of his wages.’” (1 Timothy 5:17–18)

### The Hymn of the Week

“COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD”

LSB #497

[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 Pentecost:

O God, who did teach the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who with You in the unity of the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. (Amen)

Collect for St. Barnabas (Wednesday, June 11):

Almighty God, Your faithful servant Saint Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the Apostles and their ministry; grant, we beseech You, that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; 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:

Monica Sams, Melissa Rodriguez, Dawn Schnare, Emma Patterson, Hannah Walsh, Melanie Sorenson, 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 our-selves, 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.

The Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr

Wednesday, 11 June

St. Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who sold some land and gave the proceeds to the early Christian community in Jerusalem (Acts 4:36–37). St. Paul informs us that he was a cousin of John Mark (Colossians 4:10). Barnabas was sent by the Jerusalem Church to oversee the young Church in Antioch (Acts 11:22). While there he went to Tarsus and brought Paul back to Antioch

to help him (11:25). It was this Church in Antioch that commissioned and sent Barnabas and Paul on the first missionary journey (13:2–3). When it was time for the second missionary journey, however, Barnabas and Paul got into a dispute over bringing John Mark with them. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus; Paul took Silas and headed north through Syria and Cilicia (15:36–41). Nothing more is known of the activities of Barnabas, except that he was apparently known to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 9:6). Tradition relates that Barnabas died as a martyr in Cyprus, being stoned to death.

Commemoration of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, A.D. 325 Thursday, 12 June

The first Council of Nicaea was convened in the early summer of A.D. 325 by the Roman Emperor Constantine at what is today Isnik, Turkey. The Emperor presided at the opening of the Council. The Council ruled against the Arians, who taught that Jesus was not the eternal Son of God but was created by the Father and was called Son of God because of His righteousness. The chief opponents of the Arians were Alexander, the Bishop of Alexandria, and his young deacon, Athanasius (who later succeeded Alexander as bishop). The Council confessed the eternal divinity of Jesus and His equality with the Father, and adopted the earliest version of the Nicene Creed, which in its entirety was adopted at the Council of Constantinople in 381.

Commemoration of the Prophet Elisha

Saturday, 14 June

Elisha, son of Shaphat of the tribe of Issachar, was the Prophet of God to the northern kingdom of Israel, ca. 849–786 B.C. Upon seeing his mentor Elijah taken up into heaven, Elisha assumed the prophetic office and took up the mantle of his predecessor. Like Elijah, the Prophet Elisha played an active role in political affairs. He also performed many miracles, such as curing the Syrian army commander Naaman of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:1–27) and restoring life to the son of a Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:8–37). A vocal opponent of Baal worship, Elisha lived up to his name, which means “my God is salvation.”

Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.

Looking forward to Holy Trinity

15 June 2025

Hymns:

LSB #406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord  
 LSB #942 Kyrie! God, Father  
 LSB #498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest  
 LSB #954 We All Believe in One True God  
 LSB #876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity  
 LSB #504 Father Most Holy  
 LSB #507 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 LSB #960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old  
 LSB #604 I Bind unto Myself Today  
 LSB #756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me  
 ES #39 The Mystery Hidden from the Eyes  
 LSB #596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Isaiah 6:1-7; Romans 11:33-36; St. John 3:1-15