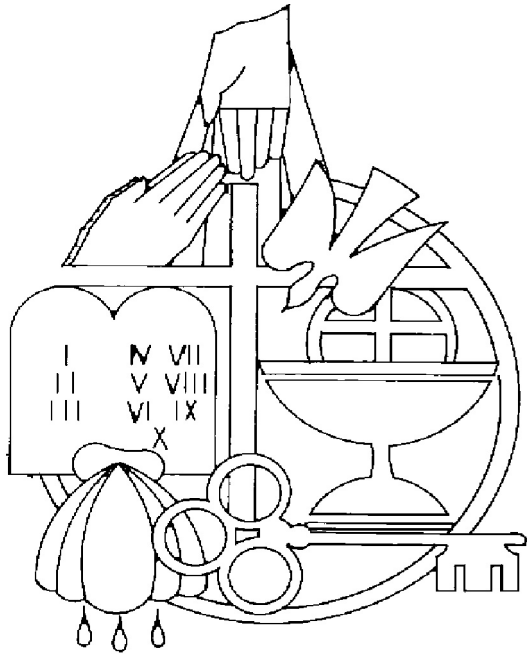


# Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## ✚ DAILY CATECHESIS ON THE WAY ✚

### TO AND FROM EMMAUS WITH JESUS

## ✚ THE FOURTH WEEK OF APOSTLES' 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)*



## The Catalog of Testimonies

*The Catalog of Testimonies (continued...)*

by Jakob Andreae (1528-1590) and and Martin Chemnitz (1522-1586)

6 In the sixth canon, thus: "If any one does not confess the same Christ to be at the same time God and man [that the one Christ is at the same time God and man], for the reason that according to the Scriptures the Word was made flesh, let him be accursed."

7 In the twelfth canon, thus: "If any one does not confess that the Word of God [the Father] suffered in the flesh, and was crucified in the flesh, and tasted death in the flesh, and became the First-born from the dead, according as [since] He is, as God, the Life and He that maketh alive, let him be accursed."

8 And the decree of the Council of Chalcedon, as cited by Evagrius, lib. 2, cap 4, reads thus: "Following, then, the holy fathers, we confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and we all set forth with one voice that the same is perfect in deity and the same perfect in humanity; that the same is truly God and truly man, consisting of a rational soul and a body; that He is consubstantial with the Father as regards the deity, and that the same is consubstantial with us according to the humanity; that He is in all respects like us, excepting sin; that He was begotten before the world out of the Father according to the deity, but that the same person was in the last days born for us and for our salvation of Mary, the virgin and mother of God, according to the humanity; that one and the same Jesus Christ, the Son, the Lord, the Only-begotten, is known in two natures, without being commingled, without being changed, without being taken apart [or divided], without being segregated, the difference of the natures being in no wise abolished on account of the [personal] union, but the peculiarity of each nature being rather preserved, and running together into one person and subsistence; not as divided or torn into two persons, but one and the same only-begotten Son, God the Word and the Lord Jesus Christ [we acknowledge one single Christ our Lord, who is at once the only-begotten Son, or the Word of the Father, and also true man]; as the prophets of old and the Christ Himself have taught us concerning Him, and the symbol of the fathers has handed down to us."

9 Thus, too, the Tenth Synodical Epistle of Leo (to Flavianus, cap. 3, fol. 92) [which the Council of Chalcedon regarded as equal to an instruction] says: "[The personal union has taken place in this manner, that] The peculiarity of each nature being unimpaired [remaining unmingled and unchanged], and coming together into one person, there has been assumed by [divine] Majesty [human] lowliness, by [divine] Power [human] weakness, by Eternity [the eternal divine Being] mortality [the human, mortal nature] (abstract for the concrete), and for the purpose of paying the debt of our condition, the [immortal] nature that cannot suffer has been united to the [human] nature that can suffer, so that our one and the same Mediator could both die according to one and could not die according to the other [in order that our single Mediator, since according to the one nature, namely, the divine, He could not die, might die for us according to the other, namely, the human]."

## The Fourth Week of Apostles' Tide

20 – 26 July 2025

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

*The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men. The net they would use is the message of the Cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world. The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes, nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us.*

### ***Emphasis: Jesus Makes Fishers of Men***

#### ***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 147**

(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>	67; 150	51; 145	54; 146	65; 147:1-11	143; 147:12-20	30; 86; 148	122; 149
<i>Evening</i>	46; 93	85; 47	28; 99	125; 91	81; 116	6; 19; 73	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: St. Luke 9:62*

No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

### ***Readings for the Fourth Week of Apostles' Tide:***

***Sunday, 20 July 2025*** (*The Prophet Elijah*)

1 Samuel 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22

***Monday, 21 July 2025*** (*The Prophet Ezekiel*)

1 Samuel 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40

***Tuesday, 22 July 2025*** (*St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent*)

1 Samuel 5:1—6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28

(*Proverbs 31:10-31; Romans 5:18-21; St. Luke 7:36-50*)

***Wednesday, 23 July 2025***

1 Samuel 6:19—7:17; Acts 19:1–22

***Thursday, 24 July 2025***

1 Samuel 8:1–22; Acts 21:15–36

***Friday, 25 July 2025*** (*St. James the Elder, Apostle*)

1 Samuel 9:1–27; Acts 21:37—22:16

(*Acts 11:27—12:5; Romans 8:28-39; St. Matthew 20:20-28*)

***Saturday, 26 July 2025***

1 Samuel 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Catechism: Christian Questions & Answers***

*After Individual Confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper, the Pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:*

9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?*

**He died for me and shed His blood for me on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

10. *Did the Father also die for you?*

**He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true Man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.**

11. *How do you know this?*

**From the Holy Gospel, from the Words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.**

12. *What are the Words of Institution?*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: 'Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.'**

**In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: 'Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'**

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?*

**Yes, I believe it.**

14. *What convinces you to believe this?*

**The Word of Christ: 'Take, eat, this is My Body.'  
'Drink of it, all of you, this is My Blood.'**

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

**We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: 'This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'**

**Note:** *These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and pious Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one take heed and likewise consider it a serious matter; for Saint Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: 'Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.'*

## **The Hymn of the Week**

### **"IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE"**

**LSB #750**

*[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 Fourth Week of Apostles' Tide (Trinity V):*

**O God, who has prepared for them that love You such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 St. Mary Magdalene (Tuesday, July 22):*

**Merciful Father, give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend Your Divine majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offense and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, solely through the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Amen)**

*Collect for St. James the Elder (Friday, July 25):*

**Grant, O Lord, that, as Your Apostle Saint James readily obeyed the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ, we may by Your grace be enabled to forsake all worldly and carnal affections and to follow Him alone; 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:*

*Monica Sams, Melissa Rodriguez, 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.***

**Commemoration of the Prophet Elijah**

**Sunday, 20 July**

*The Prophet Elijah, whose name means "My God is Yahweh [the Lord]," prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, mostly during the reign of Ahab (874–853 B.C.). Ahab, under the influence of his pagan wife Jezebel, had encouraged the worship of Baal throughout his kingdom, even as Jezebel sought to get rid of the worship of Yahweh. Elijah was called by God to denounce this idolatry and to call the people of Israel back to the worship of Yahweh as the only true God (as he did in 1 Kings 18:20–40). Elijah was a rugged and imposing figure, living in the wilderness and dressing in a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt (2 Kings 1:8). He was a prophet mighty in word and deed. Many miracles were done through Elijah, including the raising of the dead (1 Kings 17:17–24), and the effecting of a long drought in Israel (1 Kings 17:1). At the end of his ministry, he was taken up into heaven while Elisha, his successor, looked on (2 Kings 2:11). Later on the Prophet Malachi (4:5–6) proclaimed that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah, a prophecy that was fulfilled in the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist (Mt 11:14).*

**The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent**

**Tuesday, 22 July**

*Whenever the New Testament Gospels name the women who followed Jesus, St. Mary Magdalene is listed first (John 19:25 is the only exception), perhaps because she was the first to see the risen Savior. St. Luke (8:2) reports that Jesus cast out seven demons from her. Through the centuries she has often been identified with the repentant "woman of the city" who anointed Jesus' feet as He sat at the table in the Pharisee's home (Luke 7:36–38); some have also identified her with Mary, the sister of Martha, in Bethany. According to the Gospels she saw Jesus die; she witnessed His burial; and she was the first to see Him alive again following His Resurrection (John 20:11–18). Because she was sent by the Lord to announce that good news to His disciples, she has been called "the apostle to the Apostles."*

**The Feast of St. James the Elder, Apostle**

**Friday, 25 July**

*St. James with his brother John, sons of Zebedee and Salome (see Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40), were fishermen in Galilee who were called with Peter and his brother Andrew to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18–22). In the Gospel lists of Jesus' Apostles, James is listed following Peter and preceding John. Together these three appear as leaders of the Twelve. Because James precedes John, it is reasoned that James is the elder of the brothers. The Acts of the Apostles records that James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I, probably between A.D. 42 and 44 (Acts 12:1–2). Thus James was the first of the Twelve to seal his Apostolic Ministry as a Martyr.*

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