

Welcome

#42 Augsburg Confession Article XIII.—OF THE USE OF THE SACRAMENTS.

Concerning the use of the sacraments it is taught, that the sacraments have been instituted, not only as tokens by which Christians may be known externally, but as signs and evidences of the Divine will towards us, for the purpose of exciting and strengthening our faith; hence they also require faith, and they are properly used then only, when received in faith, and when faith is strengthened by them. (Henkel Translation, p. 113).

Ember Days

“The material in the Large Catechism originated as sermons by Martin Luther on the basic texts of Christian teaching. Already in the Middle Ages, some regional synods in Germany had called for regular preaching on the “catechism” (usually defined as the Ten Commandment, Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer and, sometimes, the Ave Maria). The Ember Days, four time of fasting spread throughout the church year {*The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 1st Sunday in Lent, Pentecost, Holy Cross Day(Sep 14), and St. Lucia’s Day(Dec 13)*}, were often designated for this purpose. Even before the Reformation, Wittenberg’s city church, St. Mary’s also seems to have followed this practice. Luther himself preached on various portions of the catechism as early as 1518” (*The Book of Concord*, Kolb, preface to Large Catechism, p.377)

“Thus we have, in all, five parts covering the whole of Christian doctrine, which we should constantly teach and require young people to recite word for word. Do not assume that they will learn and retain this teaching from sermons alone. ²⁵When these parts have been well learned, you may assign them also some Psalms and some hymns, based on these subjects, to supplement and confirm their knowledge. Thus our youth will be led into the Scriptures so they make progress daily.

1 Luther himself wrote six hymns based on the parts of the Catechism.
2 See first Paragraph above.

²⁶However, it is not enough for them simply to learn and repeat these parts verbatim. The young people should also attend preaching, especially at the time designated for the Catechism, ² so that they may hear it explained and may learn the meaning of every part. Then they will also be able to repeat what they have heard and give a good, correct answer when they are questioned, and thus the preaching will not be without benefit and fruit. ²⁷The reason we take such care to preach on the Catechism frequently is to impress it upon our youth, not in a lofty and learned manner but briefly and very simply, so that it may penetrate deeply into their minds and remain fixed in their memories.³

History

“Up to the eleventh century the Ember days of spring were kept in the first week of March; and those of summer, in the second week of June. It was St. Gregory VII. Who fixed them as we now have them; that is, the Ember days of spring in the first week of Lent, and those of Summer in Whitsunday week.” (*The Liturgical Year, Vol 5, p.156*).

Catechism Schedule

- Pentecost 2026 – Lord’s Supper
- September 2026 – Daily Prayers
- Advent 2026 – Table of Duties
- Lenten 2027 – Christian Questions with their Answers
- Pentecost 2027 – Ten Commandments
- September 2027 – Apostles’ Creed
- Advent 2027– Lord’s Prayer
- Lenten 2028 – Holy Baptism
- Pentecost 2028 – Confession/Office of the Keys

3 Preface of 1529, Large Catechism, (Tappert, T. G. 2000, c1959. *The Book of Concord : The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Fortress Press: Philadelphia).

The Order of Matins, p. 29 from ASBH The Psalter

- + “O Lord, open my lips... p.7
- + **Invitatory (p.9): V:** Hallelujah! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world;”
- R.** O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!”
- + Venite Exultemus.... p. 10-11
(*Invitatory repeated*)

Office Hymn

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LW #240

- + Psalmody
- Psalm 139, tone 4.... p.328-330
- Psalm 68, Part I... p.191-192
- Psalm 68, Part II... p.193-194

Lection

- Wed – Acts 2:14-21, John 6:44-52
- Fri – Joel 2:23-27, Luke 5:17-26
- After each lesson*
- “But, thou, O Lord...” p.11
- The General Responsory p.12
- “Forever, O Lord...”
- Catechism – Lord’s Supper Sermon
- + The Te Deum Laudamus p.13-16
- + The Prayers..... p.24
- Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy...”)
- Lord's Prayer, Salutation p.25
- Collects, Special Prayers
- Collect for Grace p.25
- + Benedicamus & Blessing p.26

**Matins for
Ember Days in Pentecost, 2026**



Illustrated German Bible of 1483 (I:114 Leviticus 10)
Unauthorized Fire

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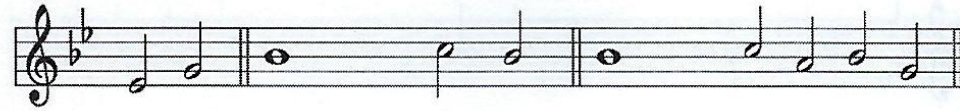
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Acts 2:14-21

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15“For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’

St. John 6:44-52

44“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46“Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48“I am the bread of life. 49“Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50“This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” 52The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN PENTECOST (RED)**Introit.**

Ant. O GOD, || when Thou wentest forth before Thy | peo- | ple:
when Thou didst march through | the | wil- | der- | ness.
|| The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of | God | - :
even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God | of | Is- |
ra- | el.

Psalm. || Let God arise, let His enemies be | scat- | tered:
let them also that hate Him | flee | be- | fore | Him.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning; is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O Lord, may the Comforter, who proceedeth from Thee, enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, and guide us into all truth, even as Thy Son hath promised, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Epistle. Acts 2:14–21**Gospel. John 6:44–52****Gradual.**

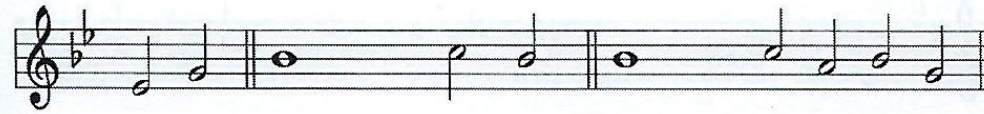
☩ *In place of a Gradual, the Sequence hymn for Pentecost, Veni, Sancte Spiritus.*

Joel 2:23-27

23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you—The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25 “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

St. Luke 5:17-26

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. 18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. 19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. 20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 “Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? 24 “But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

EMBER FRIDAY IN PENTECOST (RED)**Introit.**

Ant. LET MY || mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honour all the day,
Halle- | lu- | jah:

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which
Thou hast redeemed. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalms. || In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be put to con- | fu- | sion:

Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape; incline Thine
ear unto | me, | and | save | me.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

O merciful God, we beseech Thee that Thy Church, which was gathered together by the Holy Ghost, may nowise be troubled by hostile attack, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Epistle. Joel 2:23–27

Gospel. Luke 5:17–26

Gradual.

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6th Sunday after Trinity

44. That Man a Godly Life Might Live

Dr. Martin Luther, 1524

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R. Massie, Tr. a

13th Century, J. Walther, 1524

1. That man a god - ly life might live,
 2. I am thy God and Lord a - lone,
 3. By id - le word and speech pro - fane
 4. Hal - low the day which God hath blest,

God did these Ten Com - mand - ments give
 No oth - er God be - side Me own;
 Take not My ho - ly name in vain,
 That thou and all thy house may rest;

By His true ser - vant Mos - es, high
 Put thy whole con - fi - dence in Me,
 And praise but that as good and true
 Keep hand and heart from la - bor free,

Up - on the mount Si - na - i.
 And love Me e'er cor - dial - ly.
 Which I my - self say and do.
 That God may so work in thee.

Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Have mer - cy, Lord!
 Have mer - cy, Lord! A - men.

5. Give to thy parents honor due,
 Be dutiful, and loving too,
 And help them when
 their strength decays,
 So shalt thou have length of days.
 Have mercy, Lord!

6. In sinful wrath thou shalt not kill,
 Nor hate, nor render ill for ill;
 Be patient and of gentle mood,
 And to thy foe do thou good.
 Have mercy, Lord!

7. Be faithful to thy marriage vows,
 Thy heart give only to thy spouse;
 Thy life keep pure, and lest thou sin,
 Use temp'rance and discipline.
 Have mercy, Lord!

8. Steal not; all usury abhor,
 Nor wring their life-blood
 from the poor;
 But open wide thy loving hand
 To all the poor in the land.
 Have mercy, Lord!

9. Bear not false witness, nor belie
 Thy neighbor by foul calumny;
 Defend his innocence from blame,
 With charity hide his shame.
 Have mercy, Lord!

10. Thy neighbor's house
 desire thou not,
 His wife, nor aught that he hath got,
 But wish that his such good may be,
 As thy heart doth wish for thee.
 Have mercy, Lord!

11. God these commandments
 gave, therein
 To show thee, child of man, thy sin,
 and make thee also well perceive,
 How man unto God should live.
 Have mercy, Lord!

12. Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, for we
 A Mediator have in Thee;
 Our works cannot salvation gain.
 They merit but endless pain.
 Have mercy, Lord!