

# HOLY CONVERSATION



## COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

### Toward the Last Day

“...into this evil age something new has come: the good news (Mark 13:10) about the Kingdom of God (Matt. 24:14). This message of God’s redemptive acts in history must be proclaimed in all the world before the end comes. Therefore, history is not abandoned to evil. The word of the Kingdom in which the powers of the Kingdom were resident has been sent into the world to continue the struggle with evil.” (George Eldon Ladd, *The Presence of the Future*, p. 327)



### THE SMALL CATECHISM

THE CREED: *THE FIRST ARTICLE*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

### A SAMPLE DEVOTION

- *Invocation*

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

- *Verse of the Week*

*Try to memorize by the end of the week.*

- *Daily Bible Readings*

*Read together and talk about the story. Which figure are you most like? Where is the Good News?*

- *The Small Catechism*

- *Prayers*

*Pray together the collect and Lord’s Prayer. Include your own petitions and the prayers for St. Matthew.*

### THE PSALMS AND CANTICLES

Monday	<b>Psalm 82</b>
Tuesday	<b>Psalm 133</b>
Wednesday	<b>Psalm 33</b>
Thursday	<b>Psalm 97</b>
Friday	<b>Psalm 142</b>
Saturday	<b>Psalm 111</b>
Sunday	<b>Psalm 80</b>

- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY
- SATURDAY
- SUNDAY

**DAILY READINGS**

**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near...”  
 (Isaiah 55:6)

MONDAY	Revelation 18:1-8
TUESDAY	Revelation 18:9-20
WEDNESDAY	Revelation 18:21-24
THURSDAY	Revelation 19:1-10
FRIDAY	Revelation 19:11-16
SATURDAY	Revelation 20:1-6
SUNDAY	Romans 15:5-13

**prayer**

**IN OUR PRAYERS AT ST. MATTHEW:**

**Dick Munch**, for strength as he faces another procedure; **Amy**, daughter of Marlene Holmes, for improved health; **Mike Ripka**, husband of Michele, as he recovers from surgery; **Joni Rosencrants**, for good health; **St. Matthew Lutheran Church—Holt, Michigan; Redeemer Lutheran Church—Alexandria, Louisiana; St. James the Apostle Lutheran Church--Novokuznetsk, Siberia; The Lutheran Church of Norway; Charlie Dirkse**, St. Matthew person of the week

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:**

Lord Jesus, You call heaven and all the saints and apostles and prophets to rejoice when those who pretend to be the true Church are brought to judgment. Help us to discern between what is true and what is false, always knowing that Your kingdom comes through humility and suffering and that the truth of the Gospel is found in You alone; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**YOUR PRAYER PETITIONS:**

- MONDAY
- TUESDAY
- WEDNESDAY
- THURSDAY
- FRIDAY
- SATURDAY
- SUNDAY

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

“ON GALILEE’S HIGH MOUNTAIN” (LSB 835:1)

“ON GALILEE’S HIGH MOUNTAIN  
 CHRIST GAVE THE GREAT COMMAND  
 IN WORDS OF STRENGTH AND PROMISE  
 WHICH ALL CAN UNDERSTAND:  
 ‘ALL POW’R TO ME IS GIVEN  
 TO DO WHAT I SHALL CHOOSE;  
 THEREFORE I SEND MY CHILDREN,  
 THEIR WITNESS I WILL USE.’”

