

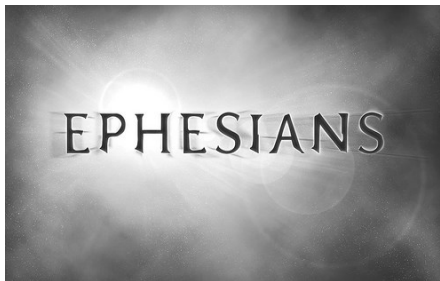
# HOLY CONVERSATION



## COMMENTARY FOR THE WEEK

### Like This, Not Like This

“Writing to Christians who through Baptism had been reborn and healed of that cancer, Paul warns them in the harshest terms against returning to the destructive habits that brought on the disease in the first place. This, again, is chiefly a matter of faith and its object: idolatry or Christ. No outward righteousness will be of any value unless this is first sorted out. Paul calls Christians not to a gradual disentanglement from the world, a slow purging of its failings, but to a radical rejection of its sinful, idolatrous ways. He calls them out of darkness and into the light (5:8-14). He calls them to battle (6:10-17).” (Thomas Winger, *Ephesians*, p. 542)



### THE SMALL CATECHISM

THE CREED: THE THIRD ARTICLE

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.

### 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 97</b>
Tuesday	<b>Psalm 30</b>
Wednesday	<b>Psalm 48</b>
Thursday	<b>Psalm 80</b>
Friday	<b>Psalm 32</b>
Saturday	<b>Psalm 56</b>
Sunday	<b>Psalm 111</b>

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

DAILY READINGS

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."

(John 11:25b)

MONDAY

Ephesians 5:3-5

TUESDAY

Ephesians 5:6

WEDNESDAY

Ephesians 5:7-10

THURSDAY

Ephesians 5:11-14

FRIDAY

Ephesians 5:15-16

SATURDAY

Ephesians 5:17

SUNDAY

Ephesians 5:18-21

prayer

IN OUR PRAYERS AT ST. MATTHEW:

Jack Reinking, for healing; Dave Klug, for healing; Julia Grover, for improved health; Chris Hoffmeyer, for healing of his back; Dick Munch, as he seeks medical treatment; Joni Rosencrants, for strength; Jack Fisher, for improved health; Eileen Carter, for improved health; St. Luke Lutheran Church—Ann Arbor, Michigan; Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church—Castle Rock, Colorado; St. James the Apostle Lutheran Church--Novokuznetsk, Siberia; Japan Lutheran Church; Deb Fletemeyer, St. Matthew person of the week

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:

O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son, You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, to imitate all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake, that after His example, we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

YOUR PRAYER PETITIONS:

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

HYMN OF THE WEEK

"GREET THE RISING SUN" (LSB 871:3)

"LORD, I WILL TODAY  
ON YOUR LOVE RELY;  
LET NO EVIL THOUGHT  
CLOUD THE CLEAR BLUE SKY.  
JOYFUL AND CONTENT  
WITH LIFE'S SIMPLER THINGS,  
KNOWING ALL I NEED  
FROM YOUR KINDNESS SPRINGS."