



**For your life in Christ the Week of the  
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 23-29**

*How to use this resource:* Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able or as your family size and ages dictate. You will need your Bible, a Catechism, and an LSB Hymnal. Other resources named within may enrich your meditation.

***Begin***

***Invocation***

*The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

***Hymn of the Week***

LSB #658 “Preserve Your Word, O Savior” (vv. 1-4)

***Recite***

***Apostles’ Creed***

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.

***Verse of the Week: Mark 10:6-8***

“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.”

*The Family Altar*

**A Guide for Daily Meditation and  
Prayer in the Christian Home**

## *Meditate*

### *Psalm: 60-Day Psalm Schedule*

	<i>Mon.</i>	<i>Tues.</i>	<i>Wed.</i>	<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>Fri.</i>	<i>Sat.</i>	<i>Sun.</i>
<b>Morning</b>	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 15	18	19, 20
<b>Evening</b>	3	4, 6	7	11, 12	13	16, 17	21

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 4: Old Testament Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Tower of Babel - Genesis 11:1-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Call of Abram - Genesis 12:1-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Joseph Flees from Adultery - Genesis 39:1-23</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Abram and Lot - Genesis 13:1-18
<b>Friday</b>	Abram Rescues Lot and Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek - Genesis 14:8-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>September 23</b>	Neh 9:1-21, 1 Tim 5:17-6:2
<b>September 24</b>	Neh 9:22-38, 1 Tim 6:3-21 <i>Neh 10:1-13:31</i>
<b>September 25</b>	Mal 1:1-14, Matt 3:1-17
<b>September 26</b>	Mal 2:1-3:5, Matt 4:1-11
<b>September 27</b>	Mal 3:6-4:6, Matt 4:12-25
<b>September 28</b>	Deut 1:1-18, Matt 5:1-20
<b>September 29</b>	Deut 1:19-36, Matt 5:21-48

## *Study*

### *The Catechism*

*Participants may choose to study the catechism at their own pace or follow along with the selected portion of the catechism for the week.*

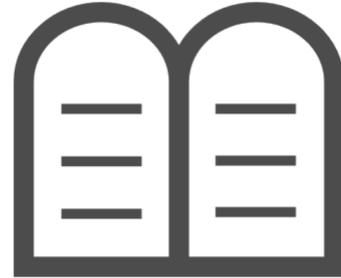
### **The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Commandments**

See p. 6 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #52-58

2017 Catechism: Questions #59-77



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Prayer*

**Monday:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace. **Tuesday:** Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins. **Wednesday:** Pray 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 raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods. **Thursday:** Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood. **Friday:** Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying. **Saturday:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts. **Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

*Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*

## Close

### *Blessing*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

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## Observing the Church Year

**Liturgical Color(s) of the Week:** *Green; White*

*Green - The color of growth. During this season we grow and mature in our understanding of Jesus and His teachings.*

*White - The color of the pure glory of Christ and the angels. Jesus comes at the fullness of time as the complete fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus' resurrection is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before the Father becomes our purity.*

### **Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations This Week**

*NOTE: The following resources contain great summaries of the observances of the church year*

1. TDP— "Treasury of Daily Prayer"

2. CS— "Celebrating the Saints"

September 29 - St. Michael and All the Angels (**W**) (TDP p. 768; CS p. 176)

### **Looking Forward to Sunday**

#### **St. Michael and All Angels**

**Readings:** Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11 *or* Luke 10:17-20

#### **Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them**

We live in "*a time of trouble*" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation; for Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "*in great wrath,*" with woeful "*temptations to sin*" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8-12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11-13). By "*the authority of his Christ,*" His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "*the blood of the Lamb,*" against all the power of the enemy; for by "*the word of their testimony,*" the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10-11; Luke 10:18-19). By God's human messengers' preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "*drowned in the depth of the sea*" (Matt. 18:6); and as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1-3).