



**For your life in Christ the Week of the  
Third Sunday of Easter  
(Misericordias Domini)  
April 27-May 3, 2020**

*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 #467 “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness” (vv. 1-3)

***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: Ephesians 3:20-21***

“To Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

***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>	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
<b>Evening</b>	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 35: Matthew Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord - Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life - John 11:17-37</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Jesus' Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen - Matthew 4:12-25
<b>Friday</b>	The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday</b>	Ex 33:1-23, Luke 7:1-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ex 34:1-28, Luke 7:18-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 34:29-35:21, Luke 7:36-50 <i>Ex 35:22-38:20</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31, Luke 8:1-21
<b>Friday</b>	Ex 39:32-40:16, Luke 8:22-39
<b>Saturday</b>	Ex 40:17-38, Luke 8:40-56 <i>Lev 1:1-7:38</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36, Luke 9:1-17

## *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.*

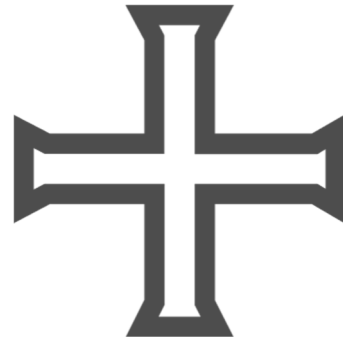
### **The Lord's Prayer - 7<sup>th</sup> Petition and Conclusion**

See p. 13 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #231-235

2017 Catechism: Questions #285-291



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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: White; Red*

*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.*

*Red - The color of fire and blood. Red symbolizes the gift of the Holy Spirit and the blood of the martyrs.*

### *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"

May 1 - St. Philip and St. James the Apostle (**R**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 70)

May 2 - Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor (**W**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 72)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)**

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:25-31 *or* Lamentations 3:22-33; 1 Peter 2:11-20 *or* 1 John 3:1-3; John 16:16-22

#### **Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice**

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11-20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1-3). We are those who wait on the Lord. "*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*" (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*" (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*" (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "*And no one will take your joy from you*" (John 16:22).