



**For your life in Christ the Week of the  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Exaudi)  
May 25-31, 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. 1-7)

***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: 1 Corinthians 10:17***

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

***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>	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128	130	132	134
<b>Evening</b>	119:153-176	124	127	129	131	133	135

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 39: Matthew Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Lay Up for Yourselves Treasure in Heaven - Matthew 6:19-34
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jesus Is the Narrow Way - Matthew 7:1-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Bread from Heaven - Exodus 16:1-15, 31</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock - Matthew 7:15-29
<b>Friday</b>	Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas' Office - Acts 1:12-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday</b>	Num 14:26-45, Luke 18:35-19:10 <i>Num 15:1-41</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Num 16:1-22, Luke 19:11-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Num 16:23-40, Luke 19:29-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Num 16:41-17:13, Luke 20:1-18 <i>Num 18:1-19:22</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Num 20:1-21, Luke 20:19-44
<b>Saturday</b>	Num 20:22-21:9, Luke 20:45-21:19
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Num 21:10-35, Luke 21:20-38

## *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 Sacrament of the Altar – Parts 1 and 2**

See p. 18–19 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

#### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #285–296

2017 Catechism: Questions #348–363



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### ***Collect for the Week:***

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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*

*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"

May 25 - Bede the Venerable, Theologian (**W**) (TDP p. 1299; CS p. 88)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

**The Day of Pentecost**

**Readings:** Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

### **The Holy Spirit Gives Peace**

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27)..