



**For your life in Christ the Week of the  
Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
August 3-9, 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 #819 “Sing Praise to God the Highest Good” (vv. 1-5)

***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: Romans 8:13-14***

“For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

*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>	136	138	140	142	144	147	148
<b>Evening</b>	137	139	141	143	145	146	149, 150

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 49: Matthew Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	If Your Brother Sins - Matthew 18:15-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant - Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce - Matthew 19:1-12
<b>Thursday</b>	Jesus Blesses the Children - Matthew 19:13-15
<b>Friday</b>	The Rich Young Ruler - Matthew 19:16-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>August 3</b>	1 Sam 17:48-18:9, Acts 27:9-26
<b>August 4</b>	1 Sam 18:10-30, Acts 27:27-44
<b>August 5</b>	1 Sam 19:1-24, Acts 28:1-15 <i>(Ps 59)</i>
<b>August 6</b>	1 Sam 20:1-23, Acts 28:16-31
<b>August 7</b>	1 Sam 20:24-42, 1 Cor 1:1-25 <i>1 Sam 21:1-23:29</i>
<b>August 8</b>	1 Sam 24:1-22, 1 Cor 1:26-2:16 <i>(Ps 142)</i>
<b>August 9</b>	1 Sam 25:1-22, 1 Cor 3:1-23

## *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.*

### **Review The Creed**

See p. 8-9 of the Learn by Heart Catechism



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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*

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

### *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”

August 3 - Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrhbearers (**G**) (TDP p. 586; CS p. 136)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 22:26-34; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13; Luke 16:1-9 (10-13)

#### **The Steward’s Shrewdness Sanctified**

*“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness”* (Luke 16:1-9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26-34).