



**For your life in Christ the Week of the  
Feast of All Saints  
November 2-8, 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 #508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” (v. 1-2)

***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: Colossians 1:16***

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

*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 9: Old Testament Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Sin of Peor - Numbers 25:1-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses' Place - Numbers 27:12-23
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Lay Up for Yourselves Treasure in Heaven - Matthew 6:19-34</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Moses Reminds the People of God's Law - Deuteronomy 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 16-
<b>Friday</b>	Moses Warns the People Against Rebelling - Deuteronomy 5:32-6:25
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

<b>November 2</b>	Jer 1:1-19, Matt 21:23-46
<b>November 3</b>	Jer 3:6-4:2, Matt 22:1-22
<b>November 4</b>	Jer 5:1-19, Matt 22:23-46
<b>November 5</b>	Jer 7:1-29, Matt 23:1-12
<b>November 6</b>	Jer 8:18-9:12, Matt 23:13-39
<b>November 7</b>	Jer 11:1-23, Matt 24:1-28 <i>Jer 12:1-19:15</i>
<b>November 8</b>	Jer 20:1-18, Matt 24:29-51

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

## *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 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed (Part 2)**

See p. 8 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

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

1991 Catechism: Questions #108-111

2017 Catechism: Questions #131-139



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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: Red; White*

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

*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"

November 1 - All Saints Day (W) (TDP p. 870; CS p. 200)

November 8 - Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor (G) (TDP p. 893; CS p. 202)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **The Week of the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Micah 6:6-8; Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-35

#### **Walking Humbly with Our God and Forgiving One Another**

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).