For your life in Christ the Week of the Baptism of Our Lord
January 11–17, 2021

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 #401 “From God the Father, Virgin-Born” (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 1:13–14
“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”
**Meditate**

*Psalm: 60-Day Psalm Schedule*

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**Daily Bible Stories**

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<td>Look Ahead to Sunday’s Readings (see last page)</td>
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<td>Attend Divine Service</td>
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**Daily Lectionary Readings**

| January 11 | Ezek 33:1–20, Rom 3:1–18                     |
| January 12  | Ezek 34:1–24, Rom 3:19–31                   |
| January 14  | Ezek 36:33–37:14, Rom 5:1–21                |
| January 16  | Ezek 38:1–23, Rom 7:1–20                    |
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 2nd Article of the Creed (Part 2)
See p. 9 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth
1991 Catechism: Questions #125–140
2017 Catechism: Questions #162–175

Pray
Kyrie
Lord, have mercy.  Christ, have mercy.  Lord, have mercy.

Lord’s Prayer

Collect for the Week:
Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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.

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”

None.

Looking Forward to Sunday
The Second Sunday after Trinity
Readings: Exodus 33:12–23 or Amos 9:11–15; Ephesians 5:22–33 or Romans 12:6–16; John 2:1–11

Jesus’ First Miracle Reveals God’s Glory
The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “the mountains shall drip sweet wine” (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “back” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “love one another with brotherly affection...” and to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:6–16).