



**For your life in Christ the Week of the
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18-24, 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. 1-4)

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 15:17

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.”

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>
Morning	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	105	107
Evening	94	97	99	102	104	106	108

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 20: Old Testament Stories
Monday	The Song of Hannah - 1 Samuel 2:1-11
Tuesday	The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel - 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20
Wednesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord - Mark 16:1-8
Thursday	The Ark of the Covenant is Captured - 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20
Friday	The Ark of the Covenant Brings Judgment upon the Philistines - 1 Samuel 5:1-
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

January 18	Ezek 40:1-4; 43:1-12, Rom 8:18-39 <i>Ezek 40:5-42:20 ;43:13-27</i>
January 19	Ezek 44:1-16, 23-29, Rom 9:1-18
January 20	Ezek 47:1-14, 21-23, Rom 9:19-33
January 21	Joel 1:1-20, Rom 10:1-21
January 22	Joel 2:1-17, Rom 11:1-24
January 23	Joel 2:18-32, Rom 11:25-12:13
January 24	Joel 3:1-21, Rom 12:14-13:14

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 2nd Article of the Creed (Part 3)

See p. 9 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #141–152

2017 Catechism: Questions #176–185



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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.

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"

January 18 - Confession of St. Peter (**W**) (TDP p. 1129; CS p. 18)

January 20 - Sarah (**W**) (TDP p. 1135; CS p. 20)

January 24 - St. Timothy, Pastor (**R**) (TDP p. 1148; CS p. 22)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35 or Exodus 3:1-14; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.