



For your life in Christ the Week of  
**Pentecost**  
May 24-30, 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 #603 “We Know That Christ Is Raised” (v. 1)

***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: John 20:22-23***

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’”

*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>	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	105	107
<b>Evening</b>	94	97	99	102	104	106	108

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 38: Pentecost Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Feast of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel - Acts 2:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nathan Ministers to David - 2 Samuel 11:1-12:33</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Peter Calls the Church to Repentance - Acts 2:22-36
<b>Friday</b>	The Life of the Church - Acts 2:37-47
<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 22:1-20, Luke 22:1-23
<b>Tuesday</b>	Num 22:21-23:3, Luke 22:24-46
<b>Wednesday</b>	Num 23:4-28, Luke 22:47-71
<b>Thursday</b>	Num 24:1-25, Luke 23:1-25
<b>Friday</b>	Num 27:12-23, Luke 23:26-56
<b>Saturday</b>	Num 32:1-6, 16-27, Luke 24:1-27
<b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b>	Num 35:9-30, Luke 24:28-53 <i>Acts 1:1-7:60</i>

## *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.*

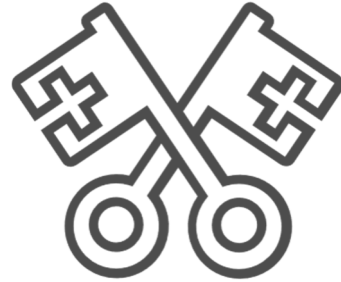
#### **The Office of the Keys**

See p. 17 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

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

1991 Catechism: Questions #269–284

2017 Catechism: Questions #334–347



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

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

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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: Red*

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

### *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 24 - Esther (**R**) (TDP p. 1298; CS p. 86)

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

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **Holy Trinity Sunday**

**Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-7; Romans 11:33-36; John 3:1-15 (16-17)

#### **The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners**

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "*Woe is me!*" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "*Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*" (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for*" (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!*" (Is. 6:3). "*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen*" (Rom. 11:33-36).