



**For your life in Christ the Week of  
the 20th Sunday after Trinity  
October 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 #713 “From God Can Nothing Move Me” (vv. 1-6)

***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: Matthew 28:19***

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (ESV)

*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 7: Old Testament Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	David Appoints Solomon to Succeed Him - 1 Kings 1:1 (2-27) 28-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	Solomon Prays for Wisdom - 1 Kings 3:1-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Worship of the Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1-14</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Solomon's Wise Judgment - 1 Kings 3:16-28
<b>Friday</b>	Solomon's Kingdom - 1 Kings 4:1, 20-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>October 18</b>	Deut 17:1-20, Matt 14:1-21
<b>October 19</b>	Deut 18:1-22, Matt 14:22-36
<b>October 20</b>	Deut 19:1-20, Matt 15:1-20
<b>October 21</b>	Deut 20:1-20, Matt 15:21-39
<b>October 22</b>	Deut 21:1-23, Matt 16:1-12 <i>Deut 22:1-24:9</i>
<b>October 23</b>	Deut 24:10-25:10, Matt 16:13-28
<b>October 24</b>	Deut 25:17-26:19, Matt 17:1-13

## *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 Holy Trinity**

#### **Catechism In Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #86-95

2017 Catechism: Questions #103-112



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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; Red*

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

*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"*

October 18 - St. Luke the Evangelist (R) (TDP p. 826; CS p. 188)

October 23 - St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord (R) (TDP p. 841; CS p. 190)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Genesis 1:1–2:3; Ephesians 6:10–17; John 4:46–54

#### **God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil**

*"Let there be light, and there was light" (Gen. 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go; your son will live" (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."*