



## For your life in Christ the Week of the Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22–28, 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 #676 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” (All)

### *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: Galatians 4:4–5*

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (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>	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
<b>Evening</b>	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 12: Old Testament Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel - 1 Kings 18:41–19:9a
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Lord's Revelation to Elijah - 1 Kings 19:9b–21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Annunciation of Our Lord - Luke 1:26–38</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Naboth's Vineyard - 1 Kings 21:1–16
<b>Friday</b>	The Lord Condemns Ahab - 1 Kings 21:17–29
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>November 22</b>	Dan 2:24–49, Rev 19:1–21
<b>November 23</b>	Dan 3:1–30, Rev 20:1–15
<b>November 24</b>	Dan 4:1–37, Rev 21:1–8
<b>November 25</b>	Dan 5:1–30, Rev 21:9–27 <i>Dan 7:1–8:27</i>
<b>November 26</b>	Dan 6:1–28, Rev 22:1–21 <i>Dan 9:1–27</i>
<b>November 27</b>	Is 1:1–28, 1 Pet 1:1–12
<b>November 28</b>	Is 2:1–22, 1 Pet 1:13–25 <i>Isaiah 3:1–4:6</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.*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed (Continue Memorizing)**

See p. 9 of the Learn by Heart Catechism



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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: Green, White***

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

*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 23 - Clement of Rome, Pastor (G) (TDP p. 944; CS p. 212)

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day (W)

### ***Looking Forward to Sunday***

**First Sunday in Advent (Ad Te Levavi)**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14; Matthew 21:1-9

### **The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us**

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. *"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey"* (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be *"The LORD is our Righteousness"* (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for *"our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed"* (Rom. 13:11).