



For your life in Christ the Week of  
**Sexagesima**  
February 13-19, 2023

*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 #873 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” (vv. 1-3)

***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 17:17***

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” (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>	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 24: Catechism Stories (The Lord's Prayer - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Solomon's Prayer at the Temple Dedication - 1 Kings 8:22-40
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jesus Is the Good Shepherd - John 10:7-21</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Truth Will Make You Free - John 8:31-41
<b>Thursday</b>	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant - Matthew 8:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	Jesus Is the True Vine - John 15:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>February 13</b>	Job 9:1-35, John 4:46-54
<b>February 14</b>	Job 10:1-22, John 5:1-18
<b>February 15</b>	Job 11:1-20, John 5:19-29
<b>February 16</b>	Job 12:1-6, 12-25, John 5:30-47
<b>February 17</b>	Job 13:1-12, John 6:1-21
<b>February 18</b>	Job 13:13-28, John 6:22-40
<b>February 19</b>	Job 14:1-22, John 6:41-59

## *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.*

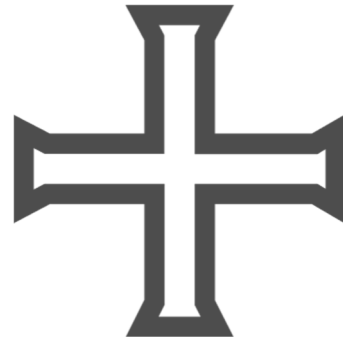
### **The Lord's Prayer - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions**

See pp. 10-11 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #208-214

2017 Catechism: Questions #250-260



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

### *Collect for the Week:*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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*

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

### *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"*

February 14 - Valentine, Martyr (G) (TDP p. 1278; CS p. 38)

February 15 - Philemon and Onesimus (G) (TDP p. 1279; CS p. 40)

February 16 - Philip Melanchthon (birth), Confessor (G) (TDP p. 1280; CS p. 42)

February 18 - Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor (G) (TDP p. 1281; CS p. 44)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **Quinquagesima**

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *or* Isaiah 35:3-7; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 18:31-43

#### **Faith Alone**

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31-43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1-13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1-13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3-7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.