



**For your life in Christ the Week of  
the Second Sunday in Easter  
(Quasimodo Geniti)  
April 17-23, 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 #458 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (vv. 1-2)

***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: Psalm 51:1-2***

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!” (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 33: Easter Story and Catechism Stories (The Lord's Prayer - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Petitions)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Jesus Ordains the Apostles - John 20:19-31
<b>Tuesday</b>	Joseph Continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers - Genesis 50:15-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant - Matthew 18:21-35</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	The Fall of Man into Sin - Genesis 3:1-8
<b>Friday</b>	The Temptation of our Lord - Matthew 4:1-11
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday</b>	Ex 22:20-23:13, Luke 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ex 23:14-33, Luke 4:31-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 24:1-18, Luke 5:1-16
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 25:1-22, Luke 5:17-39 <i>Ex 25:23-30:38</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Ex 31:1-18, Luke 6:1-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Ex 32:1-14, Luke 6:20-38
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Ex 32:15-35, Luke 6:39-49

## *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.*

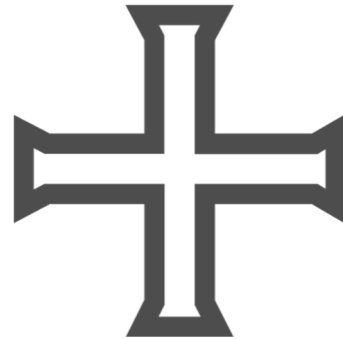
#### **The Lord's Prayer - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

See p. 12 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

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

1991 Catechism: Questions #223-230

2017 Catechism: Questions #276-284



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### *Collect for the Week:*

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: 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"*

April 20 - Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor (**W**) (TDP p. 1289; CS p. 62)

April 21 - Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian (**W**) (TDP p. 1290; CS p. 64)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

**The Third Sunday of Easter (Misericordias Domini)**

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Peter 2:21-25; John 10:11-16

### **The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep**

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).