



For your life in Christ the Week of the Fourth Sunday in Easter (Jubilate)

May 1-7, 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. 1-4)

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: Ephesians 5:25-26

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.” (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>
Morning	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128	130	132	134
Evening	119:153-176	124	127	129	131	133	135

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 35: Catechism Stories (Baptism - Nature and Benefits)
Monday	The Baptism of Our Lord - Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17
Tuesday	Behold the Lamb of God - John 1:19-34
Wednesday	Jesus Blesses the Little Children - Mark 10:13-16
Thursday	Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night - John 3:1-16
Friday	The Pool of Bethesda - John 5:1-15
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday	Lev 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday	Lev 10:1-20, Luke 9:37-62 <i>Lev 11:1-15:33</i>
Wednesday	Lev 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22
Thursday	Lev 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42
Friday	Lev 18:1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11:1-13
Saturday	Lev 19:9-18, 26-37, Luke 11:14-36
5th Sunday of Easter	Lev 20:1-16, 22-27, Luke 11:37-54

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.

Baptism – Parts 1 & 2

See p. 14 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #236-252

2017 Catechism: Questions #292-314



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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.

Observing the Church Year

Liturgical Color(s) of the Week: Red; White

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

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"

May 1 - St. Philip and St. James the Apostles (**R**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 70)

May 2 - Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor (**W**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 72)

May 4 - Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary (**W**) (TDP p. 1293; CS p. 74)

May 5 - Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler (**W**) (TDP p. 1294; CS p. 76)

May 7 - C. F. W. Walther, Theologian (**W**) (TDP p. 1295; CS p. 78)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Fifth Sunday in Easter (Cantate)

Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21; John 16:5-15

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ, we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).