



For your life in Christ the Week of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter)

April 1-7, 2024

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 #556 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (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: 1 John 4:10

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

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	22	26, 27	30	32	33	35	37
Evening	23, 24	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 31: Lent Stories - Easter Stories
Monday	The Resurrection of Our Lord According to St. Matthew - Matthew 28:1-15
Tuesday	The Resurrection of Our Lord According to St. Mark - Mark 16:1-8
Wednesday	Jesus Is the Good Shepherd - John 10:7-21
Thursday	The Resurrection of Our Lord According to St. Luke - Luke 24:1-12
Friday	The Resurrection of Our Lord According to St. John - John 20:1-18
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday	Ex 15:1-18, Heb 9:1-28
Tuesday	Ex 15:19-16:12, Heb 10:1-18
Wednesday	Ex 16:13-35, Heb 10:19-39
Thursday	Ex 17:1-16, Heb 11:1-29
Friday	Ex 18:5-27, Heb 12:1-24
Saturday	Ex 19:1-25, Heb 13:1-21
2nd Sunday of Easter	Ex 20:1-24, Luke 4:1-15

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.

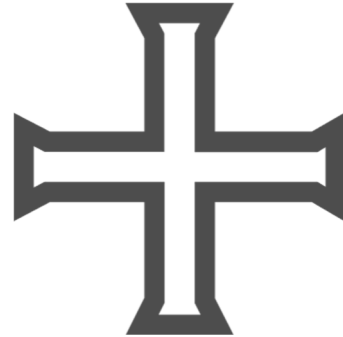
The Lord's Prayer - 1st and 2nd Petitions

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:

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; 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.

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 6 - Lucas Cranach, Albrecht Durer, and Michelangelo, Artists (W) (TDP p. 1288; CS p. 60)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 John 5:4-10; John 20:19-31

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

"For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood" (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, from which blood and water flowed, saying, *"Peace be with you."* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1-14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing, we may have life in His name.