



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)
May 19-25, 2025**

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 #483 “With High Delight Let Us Unite” (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: John 16:28

“I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” (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	136	138	140	142	144	147	148
Evening	137	139	141	143	145	146	149, 150

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 38: Mark Stories
Monday	The Pharisees Seek a Sign - Mark 8:11-21
Tuesday	A Blind Man Is Healed at Bethsaida - Mark 8:22-26
Wednesday	The Passover - Exodus 12:1-14, 17
Thursday	The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke - Mark 8:27-9:1
Friday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord - Mark 9:2-13
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday	Lev 21:1-24, Luke 12:1-12
Tuesday	Lev 23:1-22, Luke 12:13-34
Wednesday	Lev 23:23-44, Luke 12:35-53
Thursday	Lev 24:1-23, Luke 12:54-13:17 <i>Lev 25:1-55</i>
Friday	Lev 26:1-20, Luke 13:18-35
Saturday	Lev 26:21-33, 39-44, Luke 14:1-24 <i>Num 1:1-2:34</i>
6th Sunday of Easter	Num 3:1-16, 39-48, Luke 14:25-15:10 <i>Num 4:1-8:4</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.

The Sacrament of the Altar – Part 3

See p. 19 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism in Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #297–298

2017 Catechism: Questions #364–366



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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: White; Red

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.

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

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 21 - Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler and Helena, Mother of Constantine (**W**)
(TDP p. 1297; CS p. 84)

May 24 - Esther (**R**) (TDP p. 1298; CS p. 86)

May 25 - Bede the Venerable, Theologian (**R**) (TDP p.1299; CS p. 88)

Looking Forward to Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogate)

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-6 or James 1:22-27; John 16:23-30 (31-33)

The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you" (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1-6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4-9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27), we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.