



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the First Sunday after Trinity
June 23–29, 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 #647 “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head” (v. 1)

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: Matthew 16:18b

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (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	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
Evening	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 43: Mark Stories
Monday	Render to Caesar the Things That Are Caesar's - Mark 12:13-17
Tuesday	The Sadducees Question Jesus about the Resurrection - Mark 12:18-27
Wednesday	The Greatest Commandment - Mark 12:28-44
Thursday	The Destruction of the Temple Is Predicted - Mark 13:1-13
Friday	The Great Tribulation - Mark 13:14-23
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

June 23	Prov 27:1-24, John 20:1-18 <i>Prov 28:1-29:27</i>
June 24	Prov 30:1-9, 18-33, John 20:19-31
June 25	Prov 31:10-31, John 21:1-25
June 26	Josh 1:1-18, Acts 8:1-25
June 27	Josh 2:1-24, Acts 8:26-40
June 28	Josh 3:1-17, Acts 9:1-22
June 29	Josh 4:1-24, Acts 9:23-43

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.

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Catechism in Depth

1991 Catechism: pp. 36–37

2017 Catechism: p. 34



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 trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Green; White; Red

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

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"

June 24 - Nativity of John the Baptist (**W**) (TDP p. 459; CS p. 102)

June 25 - Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (**G**) (TDP p. 463; CS p. 104)

June 26 - Jeremiah (**G**) (TDP p. 466; CS p. 106)

June 27 - Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor (**G**) (TDP p. 469; CS p. 108)

June 28 - Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor (**G**) (TDP p. 472; CS p. 110)

June 29 - St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles (**R**) (TDP p. 476; CS p. 112)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

Readings: Acts 15:1-12 (13-21); Galatians 2:1-10; Matthew 16:13-19

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God." So confessed St. Peter. And Christ promised to build His Church on it by the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 16:16-19). He does this so we don't try to build the Church ourselves, on this or that person, or by any human means. Let no one boast in men, whether Paul or Cephas, for all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's (1 Cor. 3:21-23). The same Lord who worked through Peter's ministry worked also through Paul's and is still at work in His Gospel and Sacraments (Gal. 2:7-8). The Church of every age must be recalled to hear the Word of this Gospel—the free forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake apart from the Law—and believe. The Holy Spirit makes no distinction among men, but cleanses hearts by faith alone. So will we be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus (Acts 15:7-11). Both were imprisoned (Acts 12:1-11), both wrote Scripture (2 Pet. 3:15-16), both opposed the world—and sometimes each other (Gal. 2:11-16)—but all that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for us (v. 5).