



**For your life in Christ the Week of  
the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul**  
June 30–July 6, 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” (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 18:1-2a***

“I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.” (ESV)

*The Family Altar*  
A Guide for Daily Meditation and  
Prayer in the Christian Home

## ***Meditate***

### ***Psalm: 60-Day Psalm Schedule***

	<i><b>Mon.</b></i>	<i><b>Tues.</b></i>	<i><b>Wed.</b></i>	<i><b>Thurs.</b></i>	<i><b>Fri.</b></i>	<i><b>Sat.</b></i>	<i><b>Sun.</b></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><b>Day</b></i>	<b>Week 44: Mark and Acts Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	The Second Coming of Christ - Mark 13:24-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	Peter Preaches in the Temple - Acts 3:11-4:4
<b>Wednesday</b>	Peter and John Give Thanks for Being Persecuted - Acts 4:23-31
<b>Thursday</b>	An Angel Frees the Apostles from Prison - Acts 5:17-42
<b>Friday</b>	The Choosing of the Seven - Acts 6:1-7
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### ***Daily Lectionary Readings***

<b>June 30</b>	Josh 5:1-6:5, Acts 10:1-17
<b>July 1</b>	Josh 6:6-27, Acts 10:18-33
<b>July 2</b>	Josh 7:1-26, Acts 10:34-48
<b>July 3</b>	Josh 8:1-28, Acts 11:1-18
<b>July 4</b>	Josh 10:1-25, Acts 11:19-30 <i>Josh 10:28-22:34</i>
<b>July 5</b>	Josh 23:1-16, Acts 12:1-25
<b>July 6</b>	Josh 24:1-31, Acts 13:1-12 <i>Judg 1:1-36</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.*

#### **Table of Duties: Of Citizens**

#### **Catechism in Depth**

1991 Catechism: pp. 37–38

2017 Catechism: pp. 34–35



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### ***Collect for the Week:***

Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even 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.**

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## Observing the Church Year

### *Liturgical Color(s) of the Week: Green*

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

### *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"*

July 2 - The Visitation (**W**) (TDP p. 486; CS p. 114)

July 6 - Isaiah (**G**) (TDP p. 498; CS p. 116)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **Third Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** Micah 7:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:12-17 or 1 Peter 5:6-11; Luke 15:1-10 or  
Luke 15:11-32

### **Jesus Receives Sinners**

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20).

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you" (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.