



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Ninth Sunday after Trinity
August 18–24, 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 #583 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (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:* Luke 22:26b, 27d**

“Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. But I am among you as the one who serves.” (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> |
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| Morning | 60, 61 | 65 | 66 | 68 | 71 | 73 | 75, 76 |
| Evening | 62 | 63, 64 | 67, 70 | 69 | 72 | 74 | 77 |

Daily Bible Stories

| <i>Day</i> | Week 51: Acts Stories – The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul |
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| Monday | The Plot against Paul – Acts 23:11–35 |
| Tuesday | Paul Appears before Felix the Governor – Acts 24:1–23 |
| Wednesday | Paul Appeals to Caesar – Acts 24:24–25:12 |
| Thursday | Paul Appears Before King Agrippa – Acts 25:13–27 |
| Friday | Paul Begins His Testimony to King Agrippa – Acts 26:1–11 |
| Saturday | Look Ahead to Sunday’s Readings (see last page) |
| Sunday | Attend Divine Service |

Daily Lectionary Readings

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| August 18 | 2 Sam 7:18–29, 1 Cor 10:23–11:16 |
| August 19 | 2 Sam 11:1–27, 1 Cor 11:17–34 <i>(Ps 51)</i> |
| August 20 | 2 Sam 12:1–25, 1 Cor 12:1–13 <i>2 Sam 13:1–19:4, (Ps 60 / 3)</i> |
| August 21 | 1 Kng 1:1–4, 15–35, 1 Cor 12:14–31 |
| August 22 | 1 Kng 2:1–27, 1 Cor 13:1–13 <i>1 Cor 14:1–16:23</i> |
| August 23 | 1 Kng 3:1–15, 2 Cor 1:1–22 <i>1 Kng 3:16–4:34</i> |
| August 24 | 1 Kng 5:1–18, 2 Cor 1:23–2:17 <i>1 Kng 6:1–7:50</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.

Review The Lord's Prayer

See pp. 10–13 of the Learn by Heart Catechism



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please 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: Green; Red

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

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"

August 19 - Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter and Theologian (G) (TDP p. 638; CS p. 146)

August 20 - Samuel (G) (TDP p. 642; CS p. 148)

August 24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle (R) (TDP p. 654; CS p. 150)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Feast of St. Bartholomew

Readings: Proverbs 3:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; Luke 22:24-30 or John 1:43-51

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24-30). They are jars of clay; the Savior they preach is the surpassing power (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ's servants are afflicted in every way, always carrying in their bodies the death of Jesus, so that His life may also be manifested there (v. 8-10). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, held together by Christ the cornerstone (Eph. 2:20-21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13-14), Bartholomew manifested the Son of God in his preaching and his death. Christ is the Son of Man—the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49-51). We bear sufferings not leaning on our own understanding, but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5-7). Life will be manifested in our bodies too when the Lord brings healing to our flesh and refreshment to our bones in the resurrection (v. 8). For this reason Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the last day—at least for sizing.