



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
September 8-14, 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 #559 “Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion” (v. 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: Romans 10:17

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (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	109	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112
Evening	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 2: Old Testament Stories
Monday	David Saves the City of Keilah - 1 Samuel 23:1-13
Tuesday	David Hides in the Wilderness - 1 Samuel 23:14-29
Wednesday	David Spares Saul's Life - 1 Samuel 24:1-25:1
Thursday	David and Abigail - 1 Samuel 25:2-44
Friday	David Spares Saul's Life a Second Time - 1 Samuel 26:1-25
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

September 8	2 Kng 5:9-27, Phil 1:1-20
September 9	2 Kng 6:1-23, Phil 1:21-2:11 <i>2 Kng 6:24-8:29</i>
September 10	2 Kng 9:1-13; 10:18-29, Phil 2:12-30 <i>2 Kng 13:1-18:8</i>
September 11	2 Chr 29:1-24, Phil 3:1-21
September 12	2 Chr 31:1-21, Phil 4:1-23
September 13	2 Chr 32:1-22, Col 1:1-23 <i>Hosea 1:1-14:9</i>
September 14	2 Chr 33:1-25, Col 1:24-2:7 <i>Jonah 1:1-4:11</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 1st and 2nd Commandments

See p. 5 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #19-34

2017 Catechism: Questions #24-47

Catechism Bible Story

I AM Appears in the Burning Bush - Exodus 3:1-17



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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"

September 14 - Holy Cross Day (R) (TDP p. 721; CS p. 168)

Looking Forward to Sunday

Holy Cross Day

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:20-33

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sir, we wish to see Jesus! (John 12:21). Then look to His Holy Cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Himself (v. 32). He humbled Himself and became obedient even to the death of the cross to save us (Phil. 2:8). Everyone who is bitten by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, when he sees Christ shall live (Num. 21:8). The true Holy Cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So Christ brings the New Testament in His Blood to us. We preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God, though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23-24). It pleases God through the folly of the cross we preach to save those who believe (v. 21). We find the fruit and benefit of this Holy Cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the Body and Blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25-26).