



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 13-19, 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 #557 “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (vv. 1-3)

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 14:11

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (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	40	42, 43	45	48, 49	51	54, 56	59
Evening	39, 41	44	46, 47	50	52, 53	55	57, 58

Daily Bible Stories

<i>Day</i>	Week 7: Old Testament Stories
Monday	The Ark of the Covenant Is Brought into the Temple - 1 Kings 8:1-21
Tuesday	Solomon's Prayer at the Temple Dedication - 1 Kings 8:22-40
Wednesday	God's Word to Solomon - 1 Kings 9:1-9
Thursday	The Queen of Sheba and Solomon's Wealth - 1 Kings 10:1-13
Friday	Solomon's Heart Turns from the Lord - 1 Kings 11:1-13
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

October 13	Deut 11:26—12:12, Matt 12:22-37
October 14	Deut 12:13-32, Matt 12:38-50
October 15	Deut 13:1-18, Matt 13:1-23
October 16	Deut 14:1-2, 22-23, 28-29; 15:1-15; Matt 13:24-43
October 17	Deut 15:19—16:22, Matt 13:44-58
October 18	Deut 17:1-20, Matt 14:1-21
October 19	Deut 18:1-22, Matt 14:22-36

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 Close of the Commandments

See p. 7 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #69-85

2017 Catechism: Questions #93-102

Catechism Bible Story

The Worship of the Golden Calf - Exodus 32:1-14



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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"

October 17 - Ignatius of Antioch, Pastor and Martyr (G) (TDP p. 822; CS p. 186)

October 18 - St. Luke the Evangelist (R) (TDP p. 826; CS p. 188)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Deuteronomy 10:12-21; 1 Corinthians 1:(1-3) 4-9; Matthew 22:34-46

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "test" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the sojourner" (Deut. 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).