



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 20-26, 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. 1-4)

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: 1 Corinthians 1:9

“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (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	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 8: Old Testament Stories
Monday	Solomon's Death and the Revolt Against Rehoboam - 1 Kings 11:41–12:19
Tuesday	Jeroboam and the Golden Calves - 1 Kings 12:20–33
Wednesday	The Man of God Comes to Bethel - 1 Kings 13:1–34
Thursday	The House of Jeroboam and the Northern Kingdom - 1 Kings 14:1–20
Friday	The House of Rehoboam and the Southern Kingdom - 1 Kings 14:21–31
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

October 20	Deut 19:1–20, Matt 15:1–20
October 21	Deut 20:1–20, Matt 15:21–39
October 22	Deut 21:1–23, Matt 16:1–12 <i>Deut 22:1–24:9</i>
October 23	Deut 24:10–25:10, Matt 16:13–28
October 24	Deut 25:17–26:19, Matt 17:1–13
October 25	Deut 27:1–26, Matt 17:14–27
October 26	Deut 28:1–22, Matt 18:1–20

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 Holy Trinity

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #86-95

2017 Catechism: Questions #103-112

Catechism Bible Story

Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night - John 3:1-6



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 23 - St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord (R) (TDP p. 841; CS p. 190)

October 25 - Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women (G) (TDP p. 847; CS p. 192)

October 26 - Philip Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt, Hymnwriters (G) (TDP p. 851; CS p. 194)

Looking Forward to Sunday

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).