



**For your life in Christ the Week of
the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
November 10-16, 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 #673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” (vv. 1-5)

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: Ephesians 6:13

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (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 11: Old Testament Stories
Monday	Elisha and the Water from Edom - 2 Kings 3:1-27
Tuesday	Elisha and the Widow's Oil - 2 Kings 4:1-7
Wednesday	Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son - 2 Kings 4:8-37
Thursday	Elisha Feeds His People - 2 Kings 4:38-44
Friday	Elisha and the Floating Axehead - 2 Kings 6:1-7
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
Sunday	Attend Divine Service

Daily Lectionary Readings

November 10	Jer 23:1-20, Matt 25:14-30
November 11	Jer 23:21-40, Matt 25:31-46
November 12	Jer 25:1-18, Matt 26:1-19
November 13	Jer 26:1-19, Matt 26:20-35 <i>Rev 13:1-18</i>
November 14	Jer 29:1-19, Matt 26:36-56 <i>Rev 14:1-20</i>
November 15	Jer 30:1-24, Matt 26:57-75 <i>Rev 15:1-8</i>
November 16	Jer 31:1-17, 23-34, Matt 27:1-10 <i>Rev 16:1-21</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 Article of the Creed (Part 3)

See p. 8 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

Catechism In-Depth

1991 Catechism: Questions #112-113

2017 Catechism: Questions #140-147

Catechism Bible Story

The Creation and Vocations of Man and Woman – Genesis 2:7-25



Pray

Kyrie

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

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Week:

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; 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

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"

November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Pastor (G) (TDP p. 903; CS p. 206)

November 14 - Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler and Confessor of Christ (G) (TDP p. 912; CS p. 208)

November 19 - Elizabeth of Hungary (G) (TDP p. 929; CS p. 210)

Looking Forward to Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Micah 6:6-8; Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-35

Walking Humbly with our God and Forgiving One Another

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).