



## For your life in Christ the Week of the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)

April 27–May 3, 2026

*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 #478 “The Day of Resurrection” (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 Peter 2:11-12*

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.” (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>
<b>Morning</b>	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
<b>Evening</b>	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

### *Daily Bible Stories*

<i>Day</i>	<b>Week 35: New Testament Stories</b>
<b>Monday</b>	A Sinful Woman Is Forgiven - Luke 7:36-50
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Parable of the Sower and the Seed - Luke 8:1-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jesus Stills the Storm - Luke 8:22-25
<b>Thursday</b>	A Demon-Possessed Man Is Healed - Luke 8:26-39
<b>Friday</b>	A Girl Is Raised and A Woman Is Healed - Luke 8:40-56
<b>Saturday</b>	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings (see last page)
<b>Sunday</b>	Attend Divine Service

### *Daily Lectionary Readings*

<b>Monday</b>	Lev 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lev 10:1-20, Luke 9:37-62 <i>Lev 11:1-15:33</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lev 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22
<b>Thursday</b>	Lev 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42
<b>Friday</b>	Lev 18:1-7, 20-19:8, Luke 11:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	Lev 19:9-18, 26-37, Luke 11:14-36
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	Lev 20:1-16, 22-27, Luke 11:37-54

## *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 Lord's Prayer - 7<sup>th</sup> Petition and Conclusion**

See p. 13 of the Learn by Heart Catechism

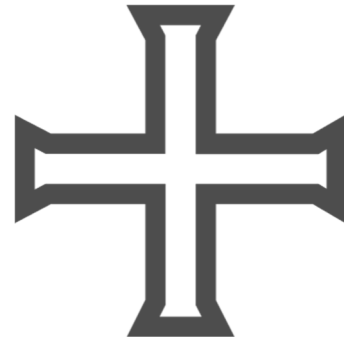
#### **Catechism In-Depth**

1991 Catechism: Questions #231-235

2017 Catechism: Questions #285-291

#### **Catechism Bible Story**

The Raising of Lazarus - John 11:1-45



## *Pray*

### *Kyrie*

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

### *Lord's Prayer*

#### ***Collect for the Week:***

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to 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.**

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## Observing the Church Year

### *Liturgical Color(s) of the Week: White; Red*

*White - The color of the pure glory of Christ and the angels. Jesus comes at the fullness of time as the complete fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus' resurrection is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before the Father becomes our purity.*

*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"*

May 1 - St. Philip and St. James the Apostles (**R**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 70)

May 2 - Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor (**W**) (TDP p. 1292; CS p. 72)

### *Looking Forward to Sunday*

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)**

**Readings:** Isaiah 12:1-6; James 1:16-21; John 16:5-15

### **Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper**

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ, we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).