

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Altamont, Illinois

THE FAMILY ALTAR Year 2

Bible Readings for the Year Catechism, Bible Verses, and Hymns to Learn by Heart For Home devotions, Parochial Schools, & Confirmation Students

2019-2020

The following Bible passages, hymns, and Catechism readings are the core of what every Christian ought to know. The head of each household should see that the children learn the Bible stories beginning in the early childhood years in preparation for Catechism class with the pastor. It is best to set a time each day to instruct your household in these basic truths.

The Bible readings are arranged thematically based on the Catechism lesson for the week and the Church seasons over a three year period in order to give a basis for understanding the flow of the Bible. Prepared by Pastor James Wright.

A Family Devotion

- *Begin: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your baptism.*
- *Reading from the Bible*
- *Reading from the Catechism*
- *Reading of the Memory passage for the week.*
- *Special Prayers*
- *Lord's Prayer*
- *Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer (in Portals of prayer)*
- *Benediction: The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face shine upon us, the Lord lift up His favor upon us and give us peace. Amen.*
- *Hymn or song is sung or read.*

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection amongst us: true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.
- Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work, for the unemployed; the salvation and well being of our neighbors, for government; and for peace.
- Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with sin.
- Wednesday: For marriage and family; living together under the grace of Christ and according to the Word of God; those adults who must raise their children alone; and godly schools, especially ALIS Lutheran School, our church schools, and seminaries.
- Thursday: For the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and right use of the Lord's Supper.
- Friday: For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.
- Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

- Week 24 Beginning Sunday, March 15 LENT 3
- ❖ Catechism: Confession, What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written?
 - ❖ Memory: John 6:35 I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
 - ❖ Hymn: 618 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*
 - ❖ Psalm 142
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Palm Sunday—Matthew 21:1-17
 - Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—Matthew 26:2-16
 - Jesus Celebrates the Passover—Matthew 26:17-35
 - In the Garden of Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-56
- Week 25 Beginning Sunday, March 22 LENT 4
- ❖ Catechism: Confession, Office of the Keys: What do you believe according to these words?
 - ❖ Memory: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
 - ❖ Hymn: 433 *Glory Be to Jesus*
 - ❖ Psalm 138
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin—Matthew 26:57-75
 - Judas Hangs Himself; Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—Matthew 27:1-26
 - The King of the Jews is Mocked—Matthew 27:27-44
 - Jesus' Death and Burial—Matthew 27:45-66
- Week 26 Beginning Sunday, March 29 LENT 5
- ❖ Catechism: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?
 - ❖ Memory: Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
 - ❖ Hymn: 420 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*
 - ❖ Psalm 116:1-9
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-11
 - Palm Sunday—John 12:12-26
 - Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet—John 13:1-20
 - A New Commandment Is Given—John 13:21-38
- Week 27 Beginning Sunday, April 5 PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK
- ❖ Catechism: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
 - ❖ Memory: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures
 - ❖ Hymn: 436 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*
 - ❖ Psalm 92
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest—John 18:1-27

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40

Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24

Jesus' Side is Pierced—John 19:25-42

Week 28 Beginning Sunday, April 12 EASTER

- ❖ Catechism: Who receives this sacrament worthily?
- ❖ Memory: Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- ❖ Hymn: 470 *O Sons and Daughters of the King, stanzas 1-4*
- ❖ Psalm 118:1-2; 15-24
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Resurrection of Our Lord—Matthew 28:1-15
 - On the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-35
 - Jesus Eats Broiled Fish—Luke 24:33-49
 - Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31

Week 29 Beginning Sunday, April 19 EASTER 2

- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: To bishops, Pastors, Preachers
- ❖ Memory: Psalm 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.
- ❖ Hymn: 470 *O Sons and Daughters of the King, stanzas 5-9*
- ❖ Psalm 105:1-7
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Benjamin Returns with His Brothers to Egypt—Genesis 43:1-34
 - Joseph's Cup Is Found in Benjamin's Sack—Genesis 44:1-17
 - Judah Intercedes for Benjamin before Joseph—Genesis 44:18—45:3
 - Joseph Forgives His Brothers—Genesis 45:4-28

Week 30 Beginning Sunday, April 26 EASTER 3

- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: What the hearers owe their pastors
- ❖ Memory: Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
- ❖ Hymn: 461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*
- ❖ Psalm 16
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Jacob Journeys to Egypt to See Joseph—Genesis 46:1-27
 - Jacob Settles in the Land of Goshen—Genesis 46:28—47:12
 - Joseph's Vow to Jacob and Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons—Genesis 47:27—48:21

Week 31 Beginning Sunday, May 3 EASTER 4

- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties, Of Civil Government
- ❖ Memory: 2 Corinthians 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.
- ❖ Hymn: 633 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*
- ❖ Psalm 23
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Jacob Blesses His Sons Before He Dies—Genesis 49:1, (2-27), 28-50:14
 - Joseph continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers—Genesis 50:15-26

The Birth of Moses—Exodus 1:1-2:10

- Week 32 Beginning Sunday, May 10 EASTER 5
- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: Of Citizens
 - ❖ Memory: Job 19:25-26
 - ❖ Hymn: 478 *The Day of Resurrection*
 - ❖ Psalm 146
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Moses Flees to Midian—Exodus 2:11-25
 - I AM Appears in the Burning Bush—Exodus 3:1-17
 - The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt—Exodus 4:1-31
- Week 33 Beginning Sunday, May 17 EASTER 6
- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: to Husbands, to Wives
 - ❖ Memory: Matthew 10:32-33 “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”
 - ❖ Hymn: 483 *With High Delight Let us Unite*
 - ❖ Psalm 98
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Breakfast by the Sea of Tiberius—John 21:1-14
 - Jesus Restores Peter—John 21:15-25
 - The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20
 - The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:1-14
- Week 34 Beginning Sunday, May 24 EASTER 7
- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: To Parents To Children
 - ❖ Memory: John 11:25-29 “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. “
 - ❖ Hymn:
 - ❖ Psalm 133
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Matthias Is Chosen to Fill Judas' Office—Acts 1:12-26
 - The Feast of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-13
 - Peter's Sermon on the Prophet Joel—Acts 2:14-21
- Week 35 Beginning Sunday, May 31 PENTECOST
- ❖ Catechism: Table of Duties: To Workers of All Kinds, To employers and Supervisors
 - ❖ Memory: Proverbs 3:11-12 Do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
 - ❖ Hymn: 497 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*
 - ❖ Psalm 143
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Peter Calls the Church to Repentance—Acts 2:22-36
 - The Life of the Church—Acts 2:37-47
- Week 36 Beginning Sunday, June 7 TRINITY
- ❖ Catechism: To Youth, To Widows, To Everyone

- ❖ Memory: Mark 10:45 The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- ❖ Hymn: 507 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- ❖ Psalm 135
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Moses goes to Pharaoh—Exodus 5:1-23
 - The Lord Promises Deliverance—Exodus 6:1-13
 - The Lord Gives Signs—Exodus 6:28-7:24

Summer 1 Beginning Sunday, June 14 PENTECOST 2

- ❖ Catechism: Daily Prayers: Morning Prayer
- ❖ Memory: Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- ❖ Psalm 4
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Plagues—Exodus 8:1-4, 13-25, 32; 9:1-4, 7-35; 10:3-6, 20-29
 - The Death of the Firstborn Is Announced—Exodus 11:1-10
 - The Passover is Instituted—Exodus 12:1-14

Summer 2 Beginning Sunday, June 21 PENTECOST 3

- ❖ Catechism: Daily Prayers: Evening Prayer
- ❖ Memory: John 14:2-3 "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."
- ❖ Psalm 119:65-72
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Death of the Firstborn—Exodus 12:21-30
 - The Exodus--Exodus 12:31-42
 - Israel Journeys to the Red Sea—Exodus 13:17-14:9

Summer 3 Beginning Sunday, June 28 PENTECOST 4

- ❖ Catechism: Daily Prayers, Asking a Blessing
- ❖ Memory: Mark 10:14-15 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
- ❖ Psalm 100
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Lord Fights for Israel—Exodus 14:10-31
 - The Song of Moses—Exodus 15:1-19
 - The Bread from Heaven—Exodus 16:1-35
 - The Water From the Rock—Exodus 17:1-7

Summer 4 Beginning Sunday, July 5 PENTECOST 5

- ❖ Catechism: Daily Prayers, Returning Thanks
- ❖ Memory: Galatians 3:26-27 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- ❖ Psalm 91
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Advice of Jethro, the Father-in-Law of Moses—Exodus 18:1-27
 - Israel Encamps at Mount Sinai—Exodus 19:1-25

The Lord Gives the Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:1-21
The Lord Makes His Covenant with Israel—Exodus 23:20-24:8

Summer 5 Beginning Sunday, July 12 PENTECOST 6

- ❖ Catechism: Review Commandments 1-5
- ❖ Memory: James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- ❖ Psalm 119:153-160
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - Moses Receives the Law upon Tablets of Stone—Exodus 24:1-18
 - The Ark of the Covenant—Exodus 25:1-22
 - The Sabbath Law—Exodus 31:12-18
 - The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-14
 - God's Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers—Exodus 32:15-35

Summer 6 Beginning Sunday, July 19 PENTECOST 7

- ❖ Catechism: Review: Commandments 6-10
- ❖ Memory: Psalm 103:1-3 Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.
- ❖ Psalm 119: 137-144
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Lord Renews His Covenant with Israel—Exodus 33:1-3, 34:1-10, 27-35
 - Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle—Exodus 40:1-3, 16-38
 - The Burnt Offering—Leviticus 1:1-17
 - The Trespass Offering—Leviticus 5:1-10
 - Offerings with Restitution—Leviticus 5:17-6:7

Summer 7 Beginning Sunday, July 26 PENTECOST 8

- ❖ Catechism: Review Apostles' Creed
- ❖ Memory: Jeremiah 31:34b "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."
- ❖ Psalm 65
- ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Ministry of the Priests Begins—Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24
 - The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu—Leviticus 10:1-7
 - The Day of Atonement—Leviticus 16:1-16a
 - The Lord Commands a Census of Israel—Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19, 45-54
 - The Levites Are Called to Serve as Priests—Numbers 3:1-16, 39-41

Summer 8 Beginning Sunday, August 2 PENTECOST 9

- ❖ Catechism: Review Baptism
- ❖ Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:4 They drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.
- ❖ Psalm 119:57-64
- ❖ The Priestly Blessing—Numbers 6:22-27
- ❖ The Second Passover—Numbers 9:1-14
- ❖ A Pillar of Cloud by Day and a Pillar of Fire by Night—Numbers 9:15-23
- ❖ Israel Departs from Sinai—Numbers 10:11-14a, 29-36

❖ The People of Israel Complain Against God—Numbers 11:1-17

Summer 9

Beginning Sunday, August 9

PENTECOST 10

❖ Catechism: Review Confession

❖ Memory: John 6:54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

❖ Psalm 119:129-136

❖ The Lord Feeds His Grumbling People with Quail—Numbers 11:18-35

❖ Aaron and Miriam Speak Against Moses—Numbers 12:1-16

❖ Spies Are Sent into Canaan—Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33

❖ Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan; Moses Intercedes—Numbers 14:1-24

❖ The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death—Numbers 14:26-45

- Summer 10 Beginning Sunday, August 5 PENTECOST 11
- ❖ Catechism: Review Office of the Keys
 - ❖ Memory: Isaiah 55:11 So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
 - ❖ Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
 - ❖ Rebellion against Moses and Aaron—Numbers 16:1-19a
 - ❖ The Lord Confirms That Moses Is His Prophet—Numbers 16:19b-40
 - ❖ The Budding of Aaron’s Rod—Numbers 16:41-17:11
 - ❖ Moses Strikes the Rock—Numbers 20:1-13
 - ❖ The Death of Aaron—Numbers 20:14-29

- Summer 11 Beginning Sunday, August 12 PENTECOST 12
- ❖ Catechism: Review Lord's Supper
 - ❖ Memory: Psalm 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
 - ❖ Psalm 28
 - ❖ Bible Readings for the Week:
 - The Bronze Serpent—Numbers 21:4-9
 - Balaam’s Donkey—Numbers 22:1, 4b-5, 12-38; (survey 23-24); 24:10-13, 25
 - Joshua Is Ordained to Take Moses’ Place—Numbers 27:12-23
 - Moses Reminds the People of God’s Law—Deuteronomy 1:1a, 3; 5:1-11a, 12, 16-22
 - Moses Warns the People against Rebelling—Deuteronomy 5:32-6:25

- Summer 12 Beginning Sunday, August 19 PENTECOST 13
- ❖ Catechism: Review Lord's Supper
 - ❖ Psalm 67
 - ❖ Memory: Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
 - ❖ The Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:9-22
 - ❖ Moses Dies on Mount Nebo—Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34:1-12
 - ❖ Joshua Takes Moses’ Place and Prepares to Cross the Jordan—Joshua 1:1-18
 - ❖ Rahab Hides the Spies—Joshua 2:1-24
 - ❖ Israel Crosses over the Jordan-Joshua 3:1-17

- Summer 13 Beginning Sunday, August 26 PENTECOST 14
- ❖ Catechism: Review Lord's Supper
 - ❖ Memory: Psalm 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
 - ❖ Psalm 138
 - ❖ Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land-Joshua 5:10-15
 - ❖ The Destruction of Jericho-Joshua 6:1-27
 - ❖ The Sun and Moon Stand Still-Joshua 10:1-15
 - ❖ Joshua's Conquests-Joshua 11:15-20; 13:1-7; 18:1-2, 10; 21:43-45
 - ❖ Joshua's Farewell Address-Joshua 23:1-3; 24:2-14