



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14 through June 20, 2020*

The summary of the whole Law given to Israel by Moses on Sinai is to *love thy neighbor as thyself*. In this week's Gospel reading, we see the Lord fulfilling exactly this, for He and His disciples go out to all who are near to Him, all the people of Israel, to heal and cast out demons. And yet, in doing so, Christ fulfills another commandment, *to love thy enemies*, for it is exactly these people who shall crucify Him.

AN ORDER FOR DAILY MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Read the Scriptures appointed for the day, review the readings from Sunday, and learn by heart the appointed verse and portion of the Small Catechism. Conclude with the Psalms, the Collect, and the prayers, using the guidelines as you see appropriate.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 14	Psalm 66:1-8	Proverbs 14:1-27	John 15:1-11
Monday, June 15	Psalm 51:1-12	Proverbs 15:1-29	John 15:12-27
Tuesday, June 16	Psalm 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16
Wednesday, June 17	Psalm 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33
Thursday, June 18	Psalm 86:9-17	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Friday, June 19	Psalm 31:9-10, 14-19	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14
Saturday, June 20	Psalm 45:6-12	Proverbs 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 14, 2020

Theme: The compassion of Our Lord's heart flows out to all who are near unto Him, even those who shall betray Him.

Hymn: 544, "O Love, How Deep"

Summary of Readings:

Exodus: 19:2–8: Moses and all the elders with him give the Law unto the children of Israel, and they swear to uphold it.

Romans: 5:6–15: St. Paul teaches that by the blood of one Man, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, even as by the sin of one man we all fell in Adam.

Matthew: 9:35—10:8: Jesus sends out His disciples to heal and cast out demons in His name out of His great compassion for the people of Israel.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

1 John 4:19: "We love Him because He first loved us."

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND PETITION II

(Important! If you have memorized a different translation in confirmation, it is best to pull out your old catechism and refresh your memory from those texts.)

Thy kingdom come.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 100 (ESV)

Meditate on this Psalm every day when you pray, and use it as the starting place for your own prayer:

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

²Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his:
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 100¹:

Spirit of grace and of prayer that proceeds from the Father and the Son, grant us Your power, and intercede for us with sighings which cannot be uttered, that in spirit and in truth we may give thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ for His love and truth. Anoint us with the oil of gladness to walk before our God in a holy conversation, and to run the way of His Commandments. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH, 2007

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER – (From LSB page 294)

Sunday: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT CHRIST:

Prayer Family: *Hugh & Becky Hunt* and their loved ones

The Chinese Church, as our brothers and sisters endure increasing persecution

Paul Hansen, Merina's brother, who is ill

Sam Schneider, friend of the Burkhalters, who is receiving cancer treatment

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.