



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11 through October 17, 2020*

The Lord Christ tells another parable about a rich master who invites many to a wedding feast. Yet they will not come. So he invites many strangers, and covers them in beautiful wedding garments. And yet one who came did not wear the garment. The master calls him a friend, but nevertheless casts him out of the wedding, bound and weeping. This one is Christ, who suffered, that the rest of us, we who were estranged from the master, might rejoice in his wedding feast.

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, Oct.11	Psalm 23	Deut. 9:23-10:22	Matt. 11:20-30
Monday, Oct. 12	Psalm 119:97-104	Deut. 11:1-25	Matt. 12:1-21
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Psalm 111	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Psalm 114	Deut.12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
Thursday, Oct. 15	Psalm 119:33-40	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Friday, Oct. 16	Psalm 37:3-11	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Saturday, Oct. 17	Psalm 39:4-13	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 11, 2020

Theme: Christ takes upon Himself the nakedness of our sin and misery that we might receive the glory of His forgiveness.

Hymn: 384, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9: In the fulfillment of God’s salvation for his people, he will devour death and hell, and inaugurate the unending feast of his victory, wherein the praise of the Lord shall ever be raised.

Philippians 4:4-13: St. Paul exhorts the Church to rejoice in all things, having the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, and forever dwelling on all good things worthy of meditation.

Matthew 22:1-14: Christ tells a parable about a king who throws a wedding feast. All those invited refuse to come, so the king brings in the poor and homeless to fill his wedding hall. Among those brought in is a man who has not dressed properly for the occasion. This man the king ejects from the wedding feast into ‘the outer darkness.’

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Ephesians 2:1: “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

THE CATECHISM: OFFICE OF THE KEYS (PART 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.)

What do you believe according to these words? I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 96:1-9 (ESV)

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

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 96¹:

Thanks to You, O Father of Light, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to establish a kingdom of grace and forgiveness among men on this earth. By Your Spirit make us new creatures in heart, mind, soul, and sentiment, and teach us to sing the new song of this new kingdom with rejoicing and gladness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *The Ramsey Family* and their loved ones

Doug Gilmore, Becky Hathcock's brother-in-law, who is recovering from open heart surgery

Joseph Nunnery, Beulah Nunnery's son, who is recovering from a broken neck

Sylvia Talyor, Joan Coward's sister, who is undergoing 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.