



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The First Sunday in Advent  
November 29 through December 5, 2020*

We “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger, but comes to us in humility to save us by His grace. He comes on a colt, riding on a highway paved by our sins to sacrifice Himself for us on the Cross (Mark 11:4–8). And now, having risen from the dead, He comes to us with the fruits of His Passion, pouring out His gifts in Word and Sacrament that take away our sin and clothe us in His righteousness, that we may stand before Him on the Last Day when He comes again in judgment. Hosanna – Lord, save us! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

### **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, Nov. 29	Psalms 118:19-24	Is. 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
Monday, Nov. 30	Psalms 123	Is. 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
Tuesday, Dec. 1	Psalms 34:11-18	Is. 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-33
Wednesday, Dec. 2	Psalms 119:105-112	Is. 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19
Thursday, Dec. 3	Psalms 55:16-23	Is. 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
Friday, Dec. 4	Psalms 145:1-9	Is. 10:12-27, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
Saturday, Dec. 5	Psalms 49:5-12, 15	Is. 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 29, 2020

**Theme:** Lest we be consumed when God comes to us in wrath on the Last Day, He comes to us in His Son THIS day, that we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sin.

**Hymn:** 332, “Savior of the Nations Come”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 64:1-9:** Isaiah first calls on God to come down in judgment to pour out His wrath on the nations. However, confessing that we “have all become like one who is unclean,” He prays for God’s mercy, reminding Him that we are His people and begging Him to “remember not iniquity forever.”

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9:** God, who IS gracious and merciful, demonstrated His grace by giving us His Son who sustains us to the end by His gifts, guiltless in the day when He comes again.

**Mark 11:1-10:** As Jesus comes into His kingdom, riding a donkey on a journey that will end at the cross, the people cry out for His rescue shouting, “Hosanna,” the appeal for salvation that we cry out every day that we come into His presence at the altar.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Romans 5:8:** “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

## THE CATECHISM: THE THIRD AND FOURTH COMMANDMENTS

*(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 is the Third Commandment? **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

*What is the Fourth Commandment? **Honor your father and your mother.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

## PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 80:1-7 (ESV)

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

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. <sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! <sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. <sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 80<sup>1</sup>:

Blessed be Your holy name, O Lord God of heaven, because You have planted in our land that noble vine, the Christian Church. Cause it to grow and to spread forth its branches, that it may overshadow the land and bring forth prolific fruit for the good of our nation, and the salvation of many, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: *Daryl & Sherri Smith* and their loved ones

*Bruce Bodkin*, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip

*Thomas Lintemuth*, Chuck Rubisoff's friend, who is recovering from coronavirus

*Jerry Mutter*, who was admitted to UMMC for GI bleeding

## **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.