



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6 through June 12, 2021*

Those without authority speak in many words; they have to compel, convince, compromise, and exhort in order to get done what they desire. However, those with authority speak in few words, for what they speak happens. In the Gospel of Luke we are met with just such a man of authority, a Roman centurion, who when he commands his soldier's his soldiers do as he asks. Yet his servant is sick, and he knows that, though he be an authoritative man, he has no authority over those great things of our existence, over life and death. So he goes to Him who does have such authority, Our Lord Jesus; and Jesus, being *one who speaks with authority* speaks in few words, words of healing and words of salvation, and what He speaks, happens.

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 6	Psalm 119:169-176	Proverbs 3:5-24	John 11:38-57
Monday, June 7	Psalm 119:9-16	Proverbs 4:1-27	John 12:1-19
Tuesday, June 8	Psalm 36:7-12	Proverbs 5:1-23	John 12:20-36a
Wednesday, June 9	Psalm 77:10-15	Proverbs 8:1-21	John 12:36b-50
Thursday, June 10	Psalm 116:12-19	Proverbs 8:22-36	John 13:1-20
Friday, June 11	Psalm 24:12-22	Proverbs 9:1-18	John 13:21-38
Saturday, June 12	Psalm 37:1-7	Proverbs 10:1-23	John 14:1-17

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 6, 2021

Theme: The Word of Christ is living and active, and shall bring to pass whatsoever it promises and commands.

Hymn: 589, “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

Summary of Readings:

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-42: Solomon consecrates the newly built temple to the God of Israel in prayer.

Galatians 1:1-12: St. Paul greets the churches of Galatia, bringing to them once again the Gospel which they had forsaken for a different gospel, for Paul preached to them forgiveness of sin, apart from human works, whereas they had been perverted by a false gospel of salvation through the righteousness of the Law of the Jews.

Luke 7:1-10: Our Lord Christ is approached by the friends of a centurion, whose dear servant has fallen ill. The centurion bids Christ not to come under his roof, for he is an unworthy man, but instead asks that Christ merely say the word, and heal his servant, for such was his faith in the power and authority of Jesus. Jesus praises the centurion’s faith, and the servant is healed.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Luke 11:28: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

THE CATECHISM: BAPTISM (PART I)

(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 Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

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 96:1-9¹:

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O God, by Your almighty Word You set in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful, and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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: *Reagan Dodge* and his loved ones

Peggy Lucky, Becky Hathcock's mother, who anticipates heart surgery

Jennie Swearengen, Curt Dickens's aunt, who has been hospitalized with a brain bleed

Patricia Thornton, friend of Jo Rudsenske, who is awaiting biopsy results

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.