



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13 through June 19, 2021*

By eating of the forbidden tree, our first parents fell. Yet just because we were not there with them in the garden does not mean that we are not guilty of the same sin. For every day, we are deceived by the promises of Satan and sin; every day, we repeat the Fall of Man within ourselves, joining ourselves to Adam and Eve, and to their disobedience. Yet God does not in His wrath turn against us, poor and miserable as we are, but against the devil, the strong man who has bound us. This strong man he overcomes, and his house he destroys, that we may be liberated from sin, and dwell in the holy mansions of heaven.

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 13	Psalm 68:32-35	Proverbs 13:1-25	John 14:18-31
Monday, June 14	Psalm 66:1-8	Proverbs 14:1-27	John 15:1-11
Tuesday, June 15	Psalm 51:1-12	Proverbs 15:1-29	John 15:12-27
Wednesday, June 16	Psalm 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16
Thursday, June 17	Psalm 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33
Friday, June 18	Psalm 86:9-17	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Saturday, June 19	Psalm 31:9-10, 14-19	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 13, 2021

Theme: Christ saves us from our disobedience by destroying the devil who deceived us.

Hymn: 562, “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis. 3:8–15: Adam and Eve, having sinned, hide themselves from God. God seeing that his creation has been corrupted by the devil, curses the serpent, and damns him to be crushed by Christ.

2 Corinthians. 4:13—5:1: St. Paul encourages the Church, teaching her to keep in mind and seek after that which is promised, which is eternal, and not to cling to transient things which are passing away.

Mark 3:20–35: Jesus returns to His home, where He is harassed by the crowds, who accuse Him of doing miracles by the power of Satan. Jesus teaches that He does miracles against the works of Satan, not by them, then teaches that His true family are those who do the will of God.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 26:8: “LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.”

THE CATECHISM: BAPTISM (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 benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 130 (ESV)

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

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 130¹:

God, our Father, who is rich in mercy and with whom is plenteous forgiveness, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. Blot them out for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who became the sacrifice for our sins. For the sake of His crimson blood let our sins be forgotten, and let them be imputed to us no more. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; 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: *The Fields Family* and their loved ones

William Hansford, who is recovering from surgery

Joslin Jones, Eloise Springer's daughter, who is healing from a broken arm

Betty Ramsey, Brian's mother, who is experiencing back problems

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.