



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15 through August 21, 2021*

It is indeed a hard saying, that Christ gives His very flesh and blood to eat and drink for our salvation, and for this reason, many turn away from Christ, or at least from this doctrine of Our Lord, in offense towards it. Yet in Jesus' body and blood, given for us to eat and drink, lies the greatest consolation in a world filled with sorrow and suffering; for by His dwelling within us by his body and blood, He abides in us, and we in 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, August 15	Psalm 132:11-18	2 Sam. 5:1-25	1 Cor. 8:1-13
Monday, August 16	Psalm 11	2 Sam. 6:1-19	1 Cor. 9:1-23
Tuesday, August 17	Psalm 24:1-6	2 Sam. 7:1-17	1 Cor. 9:24-10:22
Wednesday, August 18	Psalm 107:1-9	2 Sam. 7:18-29	1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
Thursday, August 19	Psalm 12	2 Sam. 11:1-27	1 Cor. 11:17-34
Friday, August 20	Psalm 51:1-8	2 Sam. 12:1-25	1 Cor. 12:1-13
Saturday, August 21	Psalm 139:13-16, 23-24	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor. 12:14-31

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 15, 2021

Theme: Our greatest consolation is to be found in the Body and Blood of Our Lord, given in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Hymn: 621, “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Summary of Readings:

Proverbs 9:1–10: Wisdom calls to those who are simple, offering them instruction in the fear and love of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:6–21: St. Paul admonishes the Church to always be on guard, aware of the times, and to not drift into apathy. Rather, Christians should continually exercise themselves in all godliness.

John 6:51–69: Christ teaches that by His flesh and blood comes eternal salvation and life in Him. Being offended by this teaching, all leave Him, save the disciples, who know that in His Word is life.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 6:56: “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.”

THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR 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.)

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 34:1-8 (ESV)

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

¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. ²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 34¹:

O God, Spirit of truth, who spoke of old by kings and prophets, enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may read aright the psalms of Your servant David, learning from them that Jesus of Nazareth is He of whom the Scriptures spoke. Cause us ever more clearly to see that He, and He alone, is the Savior of our souls, that our heart may cling to Him alone. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 Held Family* and their loved ones

Joshua Bamberg, friend of Glen Hansford, who has terminal brain cancer

Mary Cornelius, friend of Mark Ochs, who is ill with coronavirus

Francis and Margo Springer, Bobby's brother and niece, who are hospitalized with coronavirus

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.