



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22 through August 28, 2021*

Our Lord shows the idolatry innate in the human heart, where we do not follow the commandments of God, but rather manufacture moralities of our own, moralities that, like physical idols, can be seen by others when we act them out, that we might win praise and admiration. Our Lord has come to abolish all such human traditions, that we might face the Law of God directly, stand accused of our ungodliness, and so receive the Gospel of Grace with full contrition, being saved by Christ alone, through His Passion, bloody sweat—His sacrificial death and Resurrection.

### **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 22	Psalm 97:6-12	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Cor. 13:1-13
Monday, August 23	Psalm 111:1-3, 9-10	1 Kings 3:1-15	2 Cor. 1:1-22
Tuesday, August 24	Psalm 27:1, 7-11	1 Kings 5:1-18	2 Cor. 1:23-2:17
Wednesday, August 25	Psalm 32:1-7	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Cor. 3:1-18
Thursday, August 26	Psalm 36:7-12	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Cor. 4:1-18
Friday, August 27	Psalm 72:1-7	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Cor. 5:1-21
Saturday, August 28	Psalm 48:1-8	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Cor. 6:1-18

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 22, 2021

**Theme:** Man’s idolatrous heart creates traditions to replace the requirements of the Law of God. Christ has come to relieve humanity of this idolatry.

**Hymn:** 608, “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 29:11–19:** God condemns the hypocrisy of His people, and promises to break them of their false worship. However, He then promises them redemption by His grace.

**Ephesians 5:22–33:** St. Paul instructs Christian husbands and wives how they are to relate to one another, and how they, in their love for one another, become a living image of Christ and His Church.

**Mark 7:1–13:** Jesus and His disciples are accused of sacrilege by the Pharisees. Jesus rebukes them for caring more about the novel moralities invented by men than the Law of God given by Moses.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Psalm 73:26:** “My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR III**

*(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 benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 14 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. <sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? <sup>5</sup>There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. <sup>7</sup>Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

## **LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 14<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord, from Your throne on high look with a pitying eye upon us poor, sinful mortals. Preserve us, that we not be led astray by infidelity or superstition, and grant us simplicity of faith to receive the Gospel of Your Son, who has the words of eternal life, that in Him we may be Yours in time and eternity. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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: *Terry Hubmann* and his loved ones

*The Church and All People in Haiti*, who experienced the devastating earthquake  
*Jon Hansen*, Merina's brother, who has an infection, pneumonia, and heart problems  
*Linda Stoecman*, friend of the Weidners, who is recovering from surgery

## **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.