



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29 through September 4, 2021*

Our Lord teaches us that out of our sinful hearts come every evil, the manifold transgressions which bring about all the misery in our lives. Yet, we know that from without comes every blessing from God, through His Word and Sacraments, and the wonders of His creation. Therefore, though that which is outside of us cannot defile us, yet that which is outside of us must come near to us and save us from the wickedness of our deceived souls.

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 29	Psalm 17:6-14	1 Kings 11:42— 12:19	2 Cor. 7:1-16
Monday, August 30	Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11	1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33	2 Cor. 8:1-24
Tuesday, August 31	Psalm 68:15-20	1 Kings 16:29— 17:24	2 Cor. 9:1-15
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Psalm 47	1 Kings 18:1-19	Eph. 1:1-23
Thursday, Sept. 2	Psalm 138	1 Kings 18:20-40	Eph. 2:1-22
Friday, Sept. 3	Psalm 119:57-64	1 Kings 19:1-22:53	Eph. 3:1-21
Saturday, Sept. 4	Psalm 90:13-17	2 Kings 2:1-18	Eph. 4:1-24

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 29, 2021

Theme: From within ourselves comes all evil, but from God, outside of ourselves, comes all salvation.

Hymn: 769, “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

Summary of Readings:

Deuteronomy. 4:1–2, 6–9: Israel is taught to keep the Law of God given unto them as they enter the Holy Land, that by keeping it, they may remain in communion with the Lord, and so be blessed.

Ephesians. 6:10–20: St. Paul teaches us to put on the full armor of God, and to fight against the works of the devil and our own sinful flesh through prayer and the Word, and so persevere unto the end, where heavenly glory awaits us.

Mark 7:14–23: The Lord Jesus teaches that eating forbidden foods do not cause a man to sin. Rather, sin comes from the evil deeds which we ourselves do out of the wickedness of our own hearts.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Galatians 5:17: “The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR IV

(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.)

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 119:129-136 (ESV)

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

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 119:129-136¹:

Praise and honor belong to You, our God, because You have given us Your Word, by which You clothe our poor and naked souls in the garments of salvation, and bring to us heavenly and abiding treasures. Fashion our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we crave not the things of this earth, but desire the things above. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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: *James Jarratt* and his loved ones

Michelle Honoré, the Weidners' niece, who is recovering from coronavirus

William Page, Laura Rawson's father, who is ill with coronavirus

United States Servicemen, as they carry out their duties in these uncertain times

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.