



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5 through September 11, 2021*

There is no partiality before the Lord Our God. So it is that Jesus seeks the lost, indeed, the most wretched of this world. A deaf man is brought to Him, a man who cannot hear; most importantly, and most terribly, a man who cannot hear, cannot read the Word of God. He is cut off from the faith which comes by hearing, He is divorced from the promises of Israel. But Christ is the Word which can be seen; the Scriptures made flesh; and with his eyes, the deaf man beholds his salvation in Jesus Christ.

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, Sept. 5	Psalm 56:8-13	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7	Eph. 4:25-5:14
Monday, Sept. 6	Psalm 127	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Eph. 5:15-33
Tuesday, Sept. 7	Psalm 131	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Eph. 6:1-24
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Psalm 71:12-16	2 Kings 5:9-27	Phil. 1:1-20
Thursday, Sept. 9	Psalm 61	2 Kings 6:1-23	Phil. 1:21-2:11
Friday, Sept. 10	Psalm 58:1-8	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Phil. 2:12-30
Saturday, Sept. 11	Psalm 44:1-8	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Theme: Christ is the Word made Flesh, who by His mighty Work recreates the world and makes all things new.

Hymn: 820, “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 35:4–7: The Prophet prophesies of the coming redemption of Our God, which will bring sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, and restoration to a dying world.

James 2:1–10, 14–18: St. James admonishes the Church to show no partiality, but to treat all with care and hospitality. He then urges Christians to good works, explaining how a faith which does not produce love is dead.

Mark 7:31–37: Our Lord heals the deaf-mute, thus showing by what means He shall redeem the Church and all the world.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Romans 10:17: “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR V

(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.)

Who receives this Sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 146 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 146¹:

Many times have You, O Lord, our God, been our help in the time of need. Many times You have guarded us in danger and kept us from evil. Thanks and praise to You for Your merciful kindness. Withdraw not Your hand from us because of our sins, but remember Your great mercy, and let Your grace and help be with us at all times, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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: *Steve Jeffcoat* and his loved ones

Larry Henderson, friend of Barbara Glenn, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor

The Family and Friends of Jennie Swaengen, Curt Dickens's aunt, who has entered eternal rest

Those affected by Hurricane Ida

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.