

# A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3 through October 9, 2021

It is to the children of God that His kingdom shall be given. Yet who is a child of God, but the Son of God alone? It is to the Son that the kingdom which shall have no end is to be given, and to His brethren, those baptized into His name, and made thereby into fellow sons of God, heirs of the kingdom, inheritors of eternal life.

## 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, Oct. 3	Psalm 119:9-16	Deut. 4:1-20	Matt. 7:13-29
Monday, Oct. 4	Psalm 80:1-7	Deut. 4:21-40	Matt. 8:1-17
Tuesday, Oct. 5	Psalm 86:1-10	Deut. 5:1-21	Matt. 8:18-34
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Psalm 91:9-16	Deut. 5:22-6:9	Matt. 9:1-17
Thursday, Oct. 7	Psalm 121	Deut. 6:10-25	Matt. 9:18-38
Friday, Oct. 8	Psalm 126	Deut. 7:1-19	Matt. 10:1-23
Saturday, Oct. 9	Psalm 103:1-10	Deut. 8:1-20	Matt. 10:24-42

# A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY - OCTOBER 3, 2021

**Theme:** Born of God of the Father and Our Mother the Church, the baptized shall inherit the kingdom as fellow heirs with Christ.

Hymn: 564, "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

#### **Summary of Readings:**

Genesis 2:18–25: God creates woman from the rib of Adam, that she might be bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, a helpmeet and partner proper to him, and him to her.

**Hebrews 2:1–13:** In Christ, our humanity has been redeemed, and by His grace, we are made his brethren, and fellow children of God the Father.

Mark 10:2–16: Christ is tested by the Pharisees about whether a man may divorce his wife. Having silenced them, He blesses the children brought to Him, for to such as them belongs the kingdom of God.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Genesis 2:24:** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

#### THE CATECHISM: THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH COMMANDMENTS

(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 Seventh Commandment? You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is the Eighth Commandment? You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 128 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! <sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. <sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. <sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! <sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

### LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 1281:

Thanks be to You, our God, for instituting the holy estate of matrimony and preserving it for so many ages against the assaults of that apostate spirit which is an enemy of all that is pure and godly. Make every house Your temple. Fashion the hearts of husband and wife to love children, and cause both parents and children to walk in the faith of Your Son, and be saved. Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reading the Psalms with Luther, CPH, 2007

#### **DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER** – (From LSB page 294)

- <u>Sunday</u>: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- <u>Monday</u>: 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.
- <u>Tuesday</u>: Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.
- <u>Wednesday</u>: 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.
- <u>Thursday</u>: 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.
- <u>Friday</u>: 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.
- <u>Saturday</u>: 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: Keith & Anita Martin and their loved ones
Bill Hansford, Glen's uncle, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
The Family and Friends of James Jarratt, who has entered eternal rest
The Family and Friends of Sylvia Taylor, Joan Cowards's sister, who has entered
eternal rest

## 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.