



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24 through October 30, 2021*

The old priesthood of Israel was established to shed the blood of animals for the sake of expiating the sin of the world, and to remind mankind of their iniquity. Yet, such sacrifices could never fully suffice. Therefore Christ came into the world to offer true, innocent blood for the forgiveness of sins, and the eyes of Blind Bartimaeus were opened, that he might see such blood shed, that he might see the salvation of the world.

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. 24	Psalm 99	Deut. 25:17-26:19	Matt. 17:1-13
Monday, Oct.25	Psalm 93	Deut. 27:1-26	Matt. 17:14-27
Tuesday, Oct. 26	Psalm 12	Deut. 28:1-22	Matt. 18:1-20
Wednesday, Oct. 27	Psalm 20	Deut. 29:1-29	Matt. 18:21-35
Thursday, Oct. 28	Psalm 127	Deut. 30:1-20	Matt. 19:1-15
Friday, Oct. 29	Psalm 56	Deut. 31:1-29	Matt. 19:16-30
Saturday, Oct. 30	Psalm 90:7-17	Deut. 31:20-32:27	Matt. 20:1-16

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 24, 2021

Theme: With our eyes and our ears, let us bear witness to the redemption of man through the blood of Christ.

Hymn: 846, “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7–9: The Lord promises to bring His people together, though they be scattered, that they may rejoice in His great and glorious works.

Hebrews 7:23–28: Christ is both our lone, perfect sacrifice, and our true high priest, who gave Himself for the salvation of the world.

Mark 10:46–52: Christ is beckoned by a blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who pleads with the Lord to grant him his sight back. The disciples at first do not want him to bother Jesus, but Jesus invites him forward, and heals him, that Bartimaeus may follow the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 51:5: “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

THE CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE 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 does God say about all these commandments? He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments” (Exodus 20:5-6).

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 126 (ESV)

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

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” ³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! ⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! ⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 126¹:

Merciful Father in heaven, convert the sinners and comfort Your believers with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us willing hearts and understanding minds to sow the seed of Your Word broadcast among men, and if it seems good to hide the fruit of our sowing from our eyes, strengthen our hearts that we faint not, but wait for the harvest in the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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: *Bailey Martin* and her loved ones

Family and Friends of Joseph Benson, friend of the Weidners' niece, who has entered eternal rest

Michele Fowler, Bill Cookston's daughter, who has Parkinson's disease

Barbara Glenn, who is recovering from a fall

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.