



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday in Advent  
December 5 through December 11, 2021*

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### **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

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|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, Dec. 5    | Psalm 49:5-12, 15         | Is. 11:1—12:6   | 2 Peter 2:1-22  |
| Monday, Dec. 6    | Psalm 56:1-2, 5-11,<br>13 | Is. 14:1-23     | 2 Peter 3:1-18  |
| Tuesday, Dec. 7   | Psalm 25:1-7              | Is. 24:1-13     | 1 John 1:1—2:14 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 8 | Psalm 11                  | Is. 24:14—25:12 | 1 John 2:15-29  |
| Thursday, Dec. 9  | Psalm 17:6-15             | Is. 26:1-19     | 1 John 3:1-24   |
| Friday, Dec. 10   | Psalm 86:1-7              | Is. 26:20—27:13 | 1 John 4:1-21   |
| Saturday, Dec. 11 | Psalm 5:1-8               | Is. 28:14-29    | 1 John 5:1-21   |

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – DECEMBER 5, 2021

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**Hymn:** 348, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

### Summary of Readings:

**Malachi 3:1–7:** Malachi prophesies of the coming Messiah, and urges Israel to repent of their sin and idolatry.

**Philippians 1:2–11:** St. Paul greets the Church in Philippi, and urges them to grow in love and knowledge.

**Luke 3:1–14:** St. John the Baptist receives the Jewish masses into the desert to be baptized into repentance, and he commands them to live righteously in each of their vocations.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Acts 2:38:** “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE’S CREED: THIRD ARTICLE**

*(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.)*

*The Third Article: Sanctification*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 66:1-12 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

<sup>12</sup>you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

### **LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 66:1-12<sup>1</sup>:**

Thanks and praise be unto You, God of all grace, because You have delivered our souls from the bondage of Satan, and have saved us through the Red Sea of the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Cleanse us evermore with His blood that, with all Your saints, we may continually praise You. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: *The Nelson Family* and their loved ones

*The Family of David Espensen*, John Rudsenske's cousin, who has entered eternal rest

*The Elkins Family*, schoolmates of the Helds, who are quarantined with coronavirus

*Layne Herr*, Michael Martin's girlfriend, who is having knee surgery this week

## **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.