



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2 through January 8, 2022*

It is natural for Jesus to be at his Father's because He is God. When we are made to be God's children, it becomes normal for us too to be at our Father's house and to be about our Father's business.

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, Jan. 2	Psalm 62:5-8, 11-12	Is. 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
Monday, Jan 3	Psalm 108:1-6, 12-13	Is. 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
Tuesday, Jan. 4	Psalm 40:6-10	Is. 63:15—65:2	Luke 2:41-52
Wednesday, Jan. 5	Psalm 37:34-40	Is. 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20
Thursday, Jan. 6	Psalm 45:1-7	Is. 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38
Friday, Jan. 7	Psalm 46:4-6, 8-11	Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28	Rom 1:1-17
Saturday, Jan. 8	Psalm 19:1-6, 9-11, 14	Ezek. 2:1—3:11	Rom. 1:18-32

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JANUARY 2, 2022

Theme: The Father's business for Jesus is to make us all able to be at our Father's house.

Hymn: 410, “Within the Father’s House”

Summary of Readings:

1 Kings 3:4-15: God offers to grant whatsoever Solomon most desires. Solomon asks for understanding, that he might govern God’s people well. The Lord is pleased with this response and gives to Solomon a discerning mind, making him wise above all others.

Eph. 1:3-14: Through Christ we have received every blessing; we have been adopted as sons of God; we are redeemed, and have been made partakers of the great wisdom and insight of the will of God. Through Christ, all things in heaven and earth have been united.

Luke 2:40-52: The young Lord Jesus remains in the Temple for three days after his parents begin their journey home. When they come looking for him, they find Jesus learning from the Jewish teachers. Jesus declares his divine sonship, and then goes back to Nazareth with his parents in all submission.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Philippians 1:21: “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: FIRST PETITION II

(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.)

Hallowed be Thy name.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 119:97-104 (ESV)

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

⁹⁷Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 119:97-104¹:

Thanks be to You, God of all wisdom, that You have given us Your Word, in which You teach us the true wisdom. Guard us from the seductions of science falsely so called, and keep us in the faith of Your Word, which enlightens the soul unto eternal life. So draw us to Your Son, that we hear His voice and follow Him. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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: *Will Pickering* and his loved ones

Krista Hansford, who will be undergoing medical tests

Christian Schultz, Sister Sara's brother, who has been hospitalized with coronavirus

Sheryl Taylor, whose mother 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.