



# Living from the Liturgy

## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 22 through May 28, 2022*

Life on this mortal coil is full of madness, and we cannot understand it. What should happen does not, and what should not happen, does. In such a world it is all too easy to believe that God has forsaken us, or that perhaps he does not exist at all. Yet remember that the center piece of all the Gospels is the greatest act of madness, of injustice, that has ever occurred, and yet out of this, Christ forged our salvation. So too shall He make straight all that now seems crooked in this fallen 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, May 22	Psalm 135:13-21	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25— 15:10
Monday, May 23	Psalm 146:5-9	Num. 14:26-45	Luke 18:35— 19:10
Tuesday, May 24	Psalm 111	Num. 16:1-22	Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday, May 25	Psalm 118:19-25	Num. 16:23-40	Luke 19:29-48
Thursday, May 26	Psalm 80:14-19	Num. 16:41— 17:13	Luke 20:1-18
Friday, May 27	Psalm 78:9-16	Num. 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44
Saturday, May 28	Ps. 116:1-4, 16-19	Num. 20:22— 21:9	Luke 20:45— 21:19

## LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 22, 2022

**Theme:** What God ordains is always right, whether we understand it or not.

**Hymn:** 758 “The Will of God Is Always Best”

### Summary of Readings:

**Acts 16:9–15:** St. Paul receives a vision to go to Macedonia, and with his companions, he does so. There he baptizes Lydia, a wealthy merchant, and receives her hospitality.

**Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27:** An angel reveals to St. John the heavenly Jerusalem, in all its glory, and describes it. However, St. John warns that none that are unclean shall dwell within that city.

**John 16:23–33:** Christ promises to His disciples that in the Last Day, all that they ask shall answered of God the Father, and promises them peace in the midst of their tribulations.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**John 15:7:** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR I**

*(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 Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 67 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

<sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 67<sup>1</sup>:**

Praise and thanks be to our God for calling us of the Gentiles into the kingdom of His dear Son, and making us partakers of His grace and salvation. May He grant us grace to walk worthy of the Gospel whereby we are called, and to serve Him in joy and gladness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Cheryl Bodkin* and her loved ones.

*David Gibson*, friend of Mark Ochs, who was diagnosed with end stage pancreatic cancer.

*Bonnie Hall*, Bobbie Mutter's sister, who has lymphoma

*Cathy McDonald*, friend of the Weidners who has stage four cancer.

## **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.