



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29 through June 4, 2022*

Jesus prays for His disciples of all ages, that we might be ‘one’ with one another, but also that we might be ‘one’ with God. He says that we will be one as we share in Jesus’ glory. What is His glory? Well, it is everything that Jesus has, both what we would like, and what we would not like. For Jesus’ glory contains a lot of what we don’t like: suffering, loss, sadness, misery, and ultimately, death. But that is not all. Jesus’ glory ultimately promises us forgiveness, power, majesty, eternal life, and dominion over all creation. The unbelieving world laughs at Christ’s glory now in this life, for it only looks like unnecessary suffering, but they will not be laughing when they see what that glory has become in the Life of the World to come. We pray that that Eternal Life in the New Heavens and the New Earth comes soon, and so we pray ‘*Amen, come Lord Jesus.*’

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 29	Psalm 81:10-16	Num. 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34
Monday, May 30	Psalm 146:5-9	Num. 14:26-45	Luke 18:35— 19:10
Tuesday, May 31	Psalm 111	Num. 16:1-22	Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday, June 1	Psalm 118:19-25	Num. 16:23-40	Luke 19:29-48
Thursday, June 2	Psalm 80:14-19	Num. 16:41— 17:13	Luke 20:1-18
Friday, June 3	Psalm 78:9-16	Num. 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44
Saturday, June 4	Ps. 116:1-4, 16-19	Num. 20:22— 21:9	Luke 20:45— 21:19

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 29, 2022

Theme: The glory of Jesus which unites all believers to each other and to God is found in our suffering, in our sanctification, and ultimately in our being with Christ and ruling with Him forever.

Hymn: 539, “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

Summary of Readings:

Acts 1:9-26: The eleven Apostles, united in Christ by His Word and His commission to preach to the nations, select Matthias to take the place of Judas in the Office of the Holy Ministry by which Christ’s glory will be revealed for the life of the world.

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20: Jesus sends His angels, His messengers, to reveal His glory to the nations and make known the way that leads to life. Idolaters will remain outside, apart from God and His blessings, while those who bear His Name through Baptism and make their robes clean in His blood will be united as one with Him to reign forever and ever.

John 17:20-26: Jesus, just prior to revealing the fullness of God’s Glory on the Cross, prays for His Apostles and all who would be united with them through their Word, that we would all be one in Christ with the Father, restored to the relationship with God for which we were created.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 1:14: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR 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.)

Where is this written? The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 133 (ESV)

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

- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
- For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 133¹:

Lord Jesus, You who are our Peace with the Father, because by Your blood You have reconciled us to Him, grant and preserve peace in Church and State, and teach us who dwell under the same roof to be of one heart and one mind. Remove from us all envy and strife, and let Your peace dwell in our hearts that we may live and die in peace. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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: *The Bowman Family* and their loved ones.

The Family of Michael Arnold, friend of the Hansfords, who has entered eternal rest

The Family of Paula Burkhalter, Christopher's mother, who has entered eternal rest

John Wingard, friend of the Fuhrers, who is undergoing testing for 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.