



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of Pentecost  
June 5 through June 11, 2022*

Thus far, through all the festivals of the Church Year, we bring before our eyes and ponder in our hearts the coming of Our Lord, His holy ministry upon the earth, His teaching, His suffering and bloody sweat, His agony, Passion, and death, His resurrection, and finally, with the Feast of the Ascension, His rising to the right hand of God in glory. In all these things, we recognize Jesus as the true and only Son of God, the only just and righteous man, who alone is justified by God and sanctified forevermore. Yet one feast remains, Pentecost, whereby the Spirit of Christ is poured out upon all flesh, and we are all united to Christ through the possession of His Spirit through baptism. By His Spirit his life, his work, his merit, his justification and his words are made our own.

### **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, June 5	Psalm 135:8-14	Num. 21:10-35	Luke 21:20-38
Monday, June 6	Psalm 128	Num. 22:1-20	Luke 22:1-23
Tuesday, June 7	Psalm 94:8-14	Num. 22:21— 23:3	Luke 22:24-46
Wednesday, June 8	Psalm 22:19-26	Num. 23:4-28	Luke 22:47-71
Thursday, June 9	Psalm 1	Num. 24:1-25	Luke 23:1-25
Friday, June 10	Psalm 132:8-12	Num. 27:12-23	Luke 23:26-56
Saturday, June 11	Psalm 97:6-12	Num. 32:1-6, 16- 27	Luke 24:1-27

### A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 5, 2022

**Theme:** In the reception of the Holy Spirit, the baptized Christian is united to all the fullness of God in Christ.

**Hymn:** 501, “Come Down, O Love Divine”

#### Summary of Readings:

**Genesis 11:1-9:** Man attempts to build a tower to heaven, to gain by their own cunning that communion with God from which they were forbidden by their sin in Adam. So God punishes them by confusing their language, causing everyone to speak in his own tongue. Now, as a result of man’s pride, not only is his communion with God made impossible, but even that between his fellow man is made difficult.

**Acts 2:1-21:** God pours out the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and all the Church, as Christ had promised, and the eleven preach the Gospel to those present, speaking to everyone in their own language, thus undoing the curse of Babel.

**John 14:23-31:** Christ speaks of his leaving the twelve to return to the Father through his death and resurrection; yet he promises to them ‘the Helper,’ that is, the Holy Spirit, which will guide them in the way of truth.

#### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Galatians 3:26-27:** “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

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

*(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 benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 143 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! <sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. <sup>3</sup>For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. <sup>4</sup>Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. <sup>5</sup>I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. <sup>6</sup>I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. <sup>7</sup>Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. <sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge! <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! <sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! <sup>12</sup>And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 143<sup>1</sup>:**

By Your grace, O God, grant us the forgiveness of all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit enlighten our eyes to see both our own sinfulness and the holiness of Your Law, that our trust may not stand in the righteousness of works, but in Your grace which You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to sanctify and cleanse us. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:**

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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: *Mimi Bradley* and her loved ones

*The Family of Aliyah Jones*, Eloise Springer's niece, who has entered eternal rest

*The Family of Buckey Jones*, Rush Agent's step-father, who has entered eternal rest

*Wilson Lawrence*, friend of the Haynes, who is in hospice

## **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.