



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 3 through July 9, 2022*

The Lord ordains His servants to go before Him, to preach His Word, that all might be prepared at His coming. This continues on today through the labors of the Holy Ministry and all the Church's priests and missionaries. Yet they are sent out as lambs before wolves, for they are defenseless; but Christ sends them out nonetheless, for the wolves are those who are in need of redemption.

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, July 3	Psalm 84:5-8	Joshua 8:1-28	Acts 11:1-18
Monday, July 4	Psalm 50:1-6	Joshua 10:1-25	Acts 11:19-30
Tuesday, July 5	Psalm 68:1-6	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25
Wednesday, July 6	Psalm 100	Joshua 24:1-31	Acts 13:1-12
Thursday, July 7	Psalm 2:1-8	Judg. 2:6-23	Acts 13:13-41
Friday, July 8	Psalm 16:5-11	Judg. 3:7-31	Acts 13:42-52
Saturday, July 9	Psalm 138:1-6	Judg. 4:1-24	Acts 14:1-18

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JULY 3, 2022

Theme: Christ sends out His servants—who have renounced the world—to bring the world back to Him.

Hymn: 709, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 66:10–14: Isaiah prophesies the final beatitude of the chosen of God, which are likened to a happy mother with her young child.

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18: St. Paul beseeches the Church to forgive one another, bear their sins, and manifest the love of God. He ends by proving his authority through the wounds he has sustained for the name of Jesus.

Luke 10:1–20: Our Lord commissions and sends out the seventy-two before Him, to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and prepare the way for His coming. In so doing, He establishes the ongoing ministry of the Word through the Church and her priesthood.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

2 Corinthians 8:9: “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

THE CATECHISM: THE THIRD AND FOURTH COMMANDMENTS

(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 Third Commandment? **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*What is the Fourth Commandment? **Honor your father and your mother.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 66:1-7 (ESV)

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

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

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

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 66:1-7¹:

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through 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: *Joan Cowards* and her loved ones

Layne Bagley, the Weidners' grandson, who is having medical problems

Greg Goldman, our sign-language interpreter, who has been diagnosed with leukemia

Nancy Howard, friend of the Martins, who is having surgery for heart problems

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.