



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17 through July 23, 2022*

The world fills our lives with an endless number of choices which we must decide, both great and small, and we must bear their consequences. This flood of decisions and our freedom to choose our way plunges us into endless anxiety, wherein we worry about what to do, worry about doing it, and afterwards, worry that we may have done wrong. Christ comes to us not with a choice, but with a *gift*. He does not demand we act, but that we receive. He asks not that we act, but that we rest. In resting, we receive the one thing needful, which is His mercy and life. This life that we receive may not always be pleasant; indeed, it is destined to be filled with suffering, for it is the Life of the Suffering One. But if we receive it, we shall be brought with all the saints into the glory of the Father.

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 17	Psalm 92:8-15	1 Sam. 1:1-20	Gal. 5:1-26
Monday, July 18	Psalm 20	1 Sam. 1:21—2:17	Gal. 6:1-18
Tuesday, July 19	Psalm 82	1 Sam. 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
Wednesday, July 20	Psalm 119:57-64	1 Sam. 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22
Thursday, July 21	Psalm 106:1-5	1 Sam. 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40
Friday, July 22	Psalm 137:1-7	1 Sam. 5:1—6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
Saturday, July 23	Psalm 119:113-120	1 Sam. 6:19— 7:17	Acts 19:1-22

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JULY 17, 2022

Theme: Be not anxious, but rest in the life of God, bearing His cross and following His way.

Hymn: 536, “One Thing’s Needful”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 18:1–10: Abraham and Sarah worship and show hospitality to the Lord in the form of three visiting men.

Colossians 1:21–29: St. Paul instructs the Church to guard the faith through every persecution, embracing even the sufferings that we endure as if they were one with the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings of Christ Himself, that we might receive the hope of glory.

Luke 10:38–42: Christ enters into the house of Mary and Martha, where Mary rests and receives the eternal words of our Lord, while Martha busies herself with temporal matters.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 73:26: “My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

THE CATECHISM: THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

(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 Seventh Commandment? **You shall not steal.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 27 (ESV)

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

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 27¹:

Lord, our God, You are merciful and kind, true and faithful. Preserve us in Your Word, and guard Your Church against all oppressors and faithless leaders, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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: *Francis Dillon* and his loved ones

Rosina Fields, Pastor's grandmother, who is being treated for ovarian cancer

Greg Goldman, our sign-language interpreter, who is being treated for leukemia

Michael Martin, who is recovering from coronavirus

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.