



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 11 through September 17, 2022*

The Lord tells two parables about someone searching for something of little value while forsaking that which is of great value. This seems like madness to us. But it is the way of God, for if God were not so, then none would be saved. Therefore let us give thanks the Almighty that God seeks after that which offers Him no gain, and loves that which offers Him no advantage.

### **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, Sept. 11	Psalm 44:1-8	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
Monday, Sept. 12	Psalm 94:12-15	2 Chron. 31:1-21	Phil. 4:1-23
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Psalm 27:7-13	2 Chron. 32:1-22	Col. 1:1-23
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Psalm 38:6-16	2 Chron. 33:1-25	Col. 1:24-2:7
Thursday, Sept. 15	Psalm 1	2 Chron. 34: 1-33	Col. 2:8-23
Friday, Sept. 16	Psalm 108:1-6	2 Chron. 35:1-25	Col. 3:1-25
Saturday, Sept. 17	Psalm 130	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Col. 4:1-18

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**Theme:** God seeks after the lost, even when He gains no advantage from them.

**Hymn:** 559, “Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion”

### Summary of Readings:

**Luke 15:1-10:** Speaking to His rescued and redeemed people, God says, “I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.” God has given us life, but we can always go the way of death by rejecting His gifts and turning from the life He gives.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17:** Paul, acting by the authority of Christ, gives Onesimus new life, paying his debt and restoring him to his vocation and his household where he may live and serve by faith.

**Ezekiel 34:11-24:** New life in Christ requires obedience to His Word over above any allegiance to the things of this world, even to our own family and life. We must renounce all that remains of our sinful nature to follow Jesus in the way of repentance that leads to eternal life.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**1 Corinthians 15:22:** “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE'S CREED: SECOND ARTICLE**

*(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.)*

*The Second Article: Redemption*

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 119:169-176 (ESV)**

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

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

<sup>170</sup> Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

<sup>171</sup> My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

<sup>172</sup> My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

<sup>173</sup> Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

<sup>174</sup> I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

<sup>175</sup> Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.

<sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 119:169-176<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord, You are good and gracious, and most heartily do we thank You that You have granted us to read and to hear this song in which You commend to us Your heavenly Word. And now prepare a place for it in our hearts, that it may shine in us as a light, dispelling the night of unbelief and sin, and filling our souls with the love of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father 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: *Allen and Sabina Goodlett* and their loved ones

*Greg & Erica Adams and family*, the Pedersens' daughter and family, as Greg has received orders to Tacoma

*Sheridan Davis*, Eloise Springer's granddaughter, who is recovering from heart surgery

*Terry Swisher*, brother-in-law of the Haynes, who is recovering from covid

## **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.