



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9 through October 15, 2022*

Christ has come to heal the wretched. Indeed these lepers were wretched men, for they suffered from an impurity of the body; yet let us account ourselves more wretched still, for we are infected by an impurity of the soul. Yet Christ heals—both body and soul—for what He has put together, no thing shall tear asunder.

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

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| Sunday, Oct. 9 | Psalm 126 | Deut. 7:1-19 | Matt. 10:1-23 |
| Monday, Oct. 10 | Psalm 103:1-10 | Deut. 8:1-20 | Matt. 10:24-42 |
| Tuesday, Oct. 11 | Psalm 106:1-12 | Deut. 9:1-22 | Matt. 11:1-19 |
| Wednesday, Oct. 12 | Psalm 23 | Deut. 9:23-10:22 | Matt. 11:20-30 |
| Thursday, Oct. 13 | Psalm 119:97-104 | Deut. 11:1-25 | Matt. 12:1-21 |
| Friday, Oct. 14 | Psalm 111 | Deut. 11:26-12:12 | Matt. 12:22-37 |
| Saturday, Oct. 15 | Psalm 114 | Deut. 12:13-32 | Matt. 12:38-50 |

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 9, 2022

Theme: Christ, who comes to heal us, is Himself forever our God and our high priest.

Hymn: 846, “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

Summary of Readings:

Ruth 1:1–19: Naomi seeks to send her daughters away from her, that they may be spared the famine; one does as she is asked, but Ruth will not leave her mother-in-law’s side.

2 Timothy 2:1–13: St. Paul instructed St. Timothy and all the priesthood to grow in knowledge, to continue in the way of truth, and to trust in Christ who remains faithful always, even if we grow faithless.

Luke 17:11–19: Christ heals ten lepers, nine of which return to the priests, but one of which, a Samaritan, returns to Christ.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 103:2-3: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives you all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: INTRODUCTION

(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.)

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 111 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 111¹:

Praise belongs to You, our God, because You have fulfilled Your promises to Your people Israel in the incarnation of Your Son, and sent the light of Your truth to our fathers when they were walking in ignorance of You. Grant us steadfastly to trust Your covenant of grace that we may live therein. Make Your works of mercy and truth known to our children, that they may praise Your name in generations to come. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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: *Brent and Becky Hatchcock* and their loved ones

Brian Atchley, the Atchleys' son, who has been diagnosed with another blood disorder

Danny Prince, friend of the Martins, who is undergoing multiple joint replacement surgeries

Those Impacted by the Hurricane in Florida

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.