

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 13 through November 19, 2022

In this life, let us live in hope, knowing that our faith is a promise of things not yet seen, that is, the salvation that will be given to us by God. We are the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with them we wait for a promise not yet seen. Yet this does not discourage us. Still we wait for the fulfillment of the promise to come.

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, Nov. 13	Psalm 116:12-19	Jer. 26:1-19	Matt. 26:20-35
Monday, Nov. 14	Psalm 53	Jer. 29:1-19	Matt. 26:36-56
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Psalm 51:10-19	Jer. 30:1-24	Matt. 26:57-75
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Psalm 54	Jer. 31:1-34	Matt. 27:1-10
Thursday, Nov. 17	Psalm 148:1-6	Jer. 33:1-22	Matt. 27:11-32
Friday, Nov. 18	Psalm 22:1-5	Jer. 37:1-21	Matt. 27:33-56
Saturday, Nov. 19	Psalm 20	Jer. 38:1-28	Matt. 27:57-66

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Theme: We wait for the fulfillment of the promise given by God, in season, and out, when it seems most likely, and when it seems least.

Hymn: 798, "The God of Abraham Praise"

Summary of Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15: God speaks to Moses through the Burning Bush, commanding him to deliver the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, 13-17: St. Paul speaks of the coming of the Anti-Christ, and encourages the Church to remain strong in the faith, enduring all trials, for the sake of their sanctification.

Luke 20:27-40: The Lord is tested by the Sadducees about the Resurrection of the dead, which they do not believe in. Jesus responds that there is indeed a Resurrection of the dead, for God is God of the living, not the dead.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Hebrews 1:1-2a: "In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets; but now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His son."

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: THIRD PETITION I

(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.)

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 148 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 148¹:

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death; with songs and anthems I come before Him as long as He allows me breath. From Him my life and all things came; bless, O my soul, Him holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 797, st. 1)

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; 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)

- <u>Sunday</u>: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.
- <u>Monday</u>: 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.
- <u>Tuesday</u>: 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.
- <u>Thursday</u>: 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.
- <u>Friday</u>: 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.
- <u>Saturday</u>: 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: The Kettler Family and their loved ones

Peregrin Asher Gallarno, who is baptized among us today

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

The Family of Linda Stoeckman, friend of the Weidners, who has entered eternal rest

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.