



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 20 through November 26, 2022*

We are all born into a world of sin and death, and this, one would think, would cause us to live a life of despair. Yet because of the salvation given to us by Christ's sacrifice, which we receive by the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, we rejoice in the salvation we know we have in Him.

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. 20	Psalm 118:19-29	Dan. 1:1-21	Matt. 28:1-20
Monday, Nov. 21	Psalm 114	Dan. 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
Tuesday, Nov. 22	Psalm 111	Dan. 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
Wednesday, Nov. 23	Psalm 39:4-12	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
Thursday, Nov. 24	Psalm 41:7-12	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Friday, Nov. 25	Psalm 48:9-14	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
Saturday, Nov. 26	Psalm 75	Dan 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Theme: We are carried out of this world of death to a paradise of life by Christ's sacrifice in our baptism.

Hymn: 387, "Joy to the World"

Summary of Readings:

Malachi 3:13–18: God takes seriously the accusation against Him that He allows injustice in the world. Yet He responds with a promise, that we who are short-lived will—in the end of days—see that all things have been reckoned, and that justice shall reign.

Colossians 1:13–20: The Crucified Christ is described not only as our Lord and Savior, but as the central principle: the very purpose and end of all creation.

Luke 23:27–43: Christ speaks of the Last Times as He Himself goes to His own crucifixion, granting forgiveness to the one thief, even as the other mocked Him.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

1 Peter 3:21: "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

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

(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.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 46 (ESV)

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

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PRAYER ON PSALM 46¹:

Thanks be to You, our Father, for all the mercy and truth that You have shown to us these many years. Grant Your Word to dwell with us continually, defend Your Church against all her enemies, keep us in Your grace, and preserve for us temporal and eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR:

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father 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: *Joshua & Rachel Landrum* and their loved ones

Robin Kilchrist, friend of Nancy Tatum, who is recovering from a broken hip

Cynthia Widlitze, Sabrina Goodlett's sister, who is undergoing cardiac surgery

Terry Zeigler, Mark Ochs's cousin, who is receiving treatment for leukemia

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.