



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord  
April 9 through April 15, 2023*

We cannot cling to Christ during the course of his earthly ministry, for where He goes, we cannot follow. But now He is risen from the dead, never to die again. And yet, He bids us not to cling to Him until He has ascended. Indeed, He shall ascend to the Father, and all those who serve Him and call upon his name shall cleave unto him, and ascend with Him unto His Father and Our Father, unto His God and Our God.

### **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, April 9	Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	Ex. 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23—8:13
Monday, April 10	Psalm 13	Ex. 15:1-18	Heb. 9:1-28
Tuesday, April 11	Psalm 81:1-7	Ex. 15:19—16:12	Heb. 10:1-18
Wednesday, April 12	Psalm 134	Ex. 16:13-35	Heb. 10:19-39
Thursday, April 13	Psalm 114	Ex. 17:1-16	Heb. 11:1-29
Friday, April 14	Psalm 145:1-9	Ex. 18:5-27	Heb. 12:1-24
Saturday, April 15	Psalm 30:3-12	Ex. 19:1-25	Heb. 13:1-21

### A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 19, 2020

**Theme:** Let us cling unto our Lord as He ascends unto the Father.

**Hymn:** 467, “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

#### Summary of Readings:

**Exodus 14:10–15:1:** The Lord delivers the Israelites out of the land of Egypt through the Red Sea, destroying the Egyptians, prefiguring Christ's destruction of our bondage to sin through Holy Baptism.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11:** St. Paul encourages the Church to remember the foundation and creed of their faith: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. This is the Gospel. Indeed, *this is most certainly true.*

**John 20:1–18:** Christ rises from the dead, and bids Mary Magdalene not to cling to Him yet, but to wait unto he has ascended unto the Father. She is then instructed to tell the disciples about His resurrection and His words.

#### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Ephesians 2:1:** “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR V**

*(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.)*

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 118:15-29 (ESV)**

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

<sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!” <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 118<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord Jesus, who bled and died for our sins, and rose again triumphing over Your and our enemies, grant us to be partakers of Your victory, that we, delivered from the hand of them that hate us, may serve You without fear in time and eternity. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:**

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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: *Chuck Rubisoff* and his loved ones

*The Family of Billy Cameron*, friend of the Martins, who has passed into life everlasting

*Nancy Jones*, Curt Dicken's mother, who has been diagnosed with cancer

*The Family of Emily Shaw*, John Weidner's sister, who has passed into life everlasting

## **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.