



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of Pentecost  
May 28 through June 3, 2023*

The Feast of Pentecost completes the days of our Lord's working, for on this day, He has given His Spirit, and with it, His life and salvation to all who will believe in Him, through the forgiveness of sins bought for us upon His cross.

### **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, May 28	Psalm 135:8-14	Num. 21:10-35	Luke 21:20-38
Monday, May 29	Psalm 128	Num. 22:1-20	Luke 22:1-23
Tuesday, May 30	Psalm 94:8-14	Num. 22:21—23:3	Luke 22:24-46
Wednesday, May 31	Psalm 22:19-26	Num. 23:4-28	Luke 22:47-71
Thursday, June 1	Psalm 1	Num. 24:1-25	Luke 23:1-25
Friday, June 2	Psalm 132:8-12	Num. 27:12-23	Luke 23:26-56
Saturday, June 3	Psalm 97:6-12	Num. 32:1-6, 16-27	Luke 24:1-27

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 28, 2023

**Theme:** Pentecost celebrates the completion of our redemption, when the prophecy is fulfilled that the Lord *will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh*.

**Hymn:** 498, “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

### Summary of Readings:

**Numbers 11:24–30:** God pours out His Spirit upon the seventy that He has summoned, and they prophesy for a time. Two continue to prophesy and some come to Moses to accuse them, but Moses rebukes them, saying that he wishes that all were prophets.

**Acts 2:1–21:** On the Feast of Pentecost, the Lord pours forth His Spirit upon His Apostles, and they speak in many tongues, that all might hear the Gospel, and so be saved.

**John 7:37–39:** Jesus prophesies about the giving of the Holy Spirit.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Psalm 130:3-5:** “If you, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word do I hope.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS**

*(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.)*

*What does God say about all these commandments? He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments” (Exodus 20:5-6).*

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 25 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. <sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. <sup>12</sup>Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. <sup>13</sup>His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. <sup>14</sup>The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. <sup>15</sup>My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 25<sup>1</sup>:**

O Lord, our most merciful Father in heaven, be gracious to us and forgive us our sins. Rule in our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may hate and forsake all manner of evil. Restrain our enemies who would deprive us of our salvation, and be to us, and Your whole Church on earth, a very present help in time of need. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:**

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *The Yenish Family* and their loved ones

*MariLynn Fuhrer*, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip

*Celia Weidner*, who has had severe neck pain

*The Yenish Family*, as they make their new home in Texas

## **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.