



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 4 through June 10, 2023*

Throughout the entire Bible, God gives us not just one name or title for Himself, but manifold numbers of names, different names describing different attributes of who He is, so that we might know Him deeper, and we might call upon Him in time of need. Yet the Bible also assures us that these many names are still at the same time one great name for the One True God. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate Christ's victory in keeping the name of God in Christ free from stain and heresy throughout the ages, and guarding the faith against its enemies.

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, June 4	Psalm 46:1-7	Num. 35:9-30	Luke 24:28-53
Monday, June 5	Psalm 72:12-19	Proverbs 1:8-33	John 11:17-37
Tuesday, June 6	Psalm 119:169-176	Proverbs 3:5-24	John 11:38-57
Wednesday, June 7	Psalm 119:9-16	Proverbs 4:1-27	John 12:1-19
Thursday, June 8	Psalm 36:7-12	Proverbs 5:1-23	John 12:20-36a
Friday, June 9	Psalm 77:10-15	Proverbs 8:1-21	John 12:36b-50
Saturday, June 10	Psalm 116:12-19	Proverbs 8:22-36	John 13:1-20

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 4, 2023

Theme: On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate Christ’s continuing victory over all the enemies of the Church not just in the past, but until the Last Day.

Hymn: 941, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 1:1—2:4a: The Lord creates the heavens and the earth, and all that is in it in six days, completing His creation by forming man in His image.

Acts 2:14a, 22–36: St. Peter preaches the Gospel of Christ’s death and resurrection in the city of Jerusalem.

Matthew 28:16–20: Christ gives His final command to the Apostles, that as they go, they preach the Gospel, teaching all that was taught to them, and baptizing in the Trinitarian name.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

THE CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS 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.)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.

Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.

Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 8 (ESV)

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

¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 8¹:

Lord Jesus, You were delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Bless and defend Your Holy Church. Endue Your Word with power, strengthen our faith, and after the sufferings of this life grant us to celebrate a happy Easter, rising again to live and reign with You in all eternity. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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: *Yvonne Townes* and her loved ones

Connor Cockran, friend of the Pedersens, who is recovering from surgery

Barbara Glenn, who is undergoing medical tests

Lonnie McCain, relative of Laura Rawson, who is recovering from a heart attack

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.