



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11 through June 17, 2023*

The Lord will be reunited with the image He created in the beginning in the garden, even if that image be tarnished with horrible sin. For the Lord must be with His image, even as He cannot be but be with Himself.

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 11	Psalm 24:12-22	Proverbs 9:1-18	John 13:21-38
Monday, June 12	Psalm 37:1-7	Proverbs 10:1-23	John 14:1-17
Tuesday, June 13	Psalm 68:32-35	Proverbs 13:1-25	John 14:18-31
Wednesday, June 14	Psalm 66:1-8	Proverbs 14:1-27	John 15:1-11
Thursday, June 15	Psalm 51:1-12	Proverbs 15:1-29	John 15:12-27
Friday, June 16	Psalm 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16
Saturday, June 17	Psalm 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 11, 2023

Theme: The Lord brings even the worst sinners to Himself.

Hymn: 430, “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Summary of Readings:

Hosea 5:15-6:6: The Lord awaits in mercy mankind’s return to Himself, for He has chastised them that they may know their fallenness, and therefore realize their need and desire of Him.

Romans 4:13-25: We are saved by grace through faith, not according to the Law, but according to the mercy of God and trust in His promises.

Matthew 9:9-13: The Lord calls Matthew, the tax collector, to follow Him, and to become His disciple.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Hosea 6:6: “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE’S CREED: FIRST ARTICLE

(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.)

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean (first paragraph)? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 119:65-72 (ESV)

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

⁶⁵You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. ⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. ⁶⁸You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. ⁶⁹The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; ⁷⁰their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. ⁷²The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 119:65-72¹:

Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus, Captain of our salvation, for the goodly weapon of Your Word, with which we drive the enemy before us, and can rout thrones and potentates. Create in us a zeal for Your Word, willingly to hear and learn it, that we may always have our weapon polished and ready. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, 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)

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: *Leonard Watson* and his loved ones

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

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

Cathy McDonald, friend of the Weidners, who is in hospice

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.