



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 18 through June 24, 2023*

The summary of the whole Law given to Israel by Moses on Sinai is to *love thy neighbor as thyself*. In this week's Gospel reading, we see the Lord fulfilling exactly this, for He and His disciples go out to all who are near to Him, all the people of Israel, to heal and cast out demons. And yet, in doing so, Christ fulfills another commandment, *to love thy enemies*, for it is exactly these people who shall crucify 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, June 18	Psalm 86:9-17	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Monday, June 19	Psalm 31:9-10, 14-19	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14
Tuesday, June 20	Psalm 45:6-12	Proverbs 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40
Wednesday, June 21	Psalm 22:22-27	Proverbs 24:1-22	John 19:1-22
Thursday, June 22	Psalm 22:12-21	Proverbs 25:1-22	John 19:23-42
Friday, June 23	Psalm 139:14-18, 23-24	Prov. 27:1-24	John 20:1-18
Saturday, June 24	Psalm 85:7-13	Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33	John 20:19-31

### A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 18, 2023

**Theme:** The compassion of Our Lord's heart flows out to all who are near unto Him, even those who shall betray Him.

**Hymn:** 544, "O Love, How Deep"

#### Summary of Readings:

**Exodus 19:2–8:** Moses and all the elders with him give the Law unto the children of Israel, and they swear to uphold it.

**Romans 5:6–15:** St. Paul teaches that by the blood of one Man, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, even as by the sin of one man we all fell in Adam.

**Matthew 9:35—10:8:** Jesus sends out His disciples to heal and cast out demons in His name out of His great compassion for the people of Israel.

#### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**1 John 4:19:** "We love Him because He first loved us."

## **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.)*

*What does this mean (continued)?*

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 100 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 100<sup>1</sup>:**

Spirit of grace and of prayer that proceeds from the Father and the Son, grant us Your power, and intercede for us with sighings which cannot be uttered, that in spirit and in truth we may give thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ for His love and truth. Anoint us with the oil of gladness to walk before our God in a holy conversation, and to run the way of His Commandments. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through 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: *John & Celia Weidner* and their loved ones

*Hunter Burkhalter*, son of Chris's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for osteosarcoma

*The Family of Jaqueline Estrella*, who has entered eternal rest

*Daveen Parish*, friend of the Atchleys, who has been diagnosed with cancer

## **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.