



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6 through August 12, 2023*

Our Lord leaves His home to go to what the Evangelist describes as a desolate place. This whole world may be called a 'desolate place' for, apart from the Word of the Lord, and the work of His Church, it is a wasteland, a temporary waiting room, to wander until we die, and are buried within. But Christ goes to the wasteland, to this world, not to escape, but to feed. In the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, He satisfies mortal men with simple bread, but in the Church, He shall satisfy five thousand generations with Himself, the Bread of Life, unto immortality.

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

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| Sunday, August 6 | Psalm 92:1-9 | 1 Sam. 20:1-23 | Acts 28:16-31 |
| Monday, August 7 | Psalm 144:3-10 | 1 Sam. 20:24-42 | 1 Cor. 1:1-25 |
| Tuesday, August 8 | Psalm 62:1-7 | 1 Sam. 24:1-22 | 1 Cor. 1:26—2:16 |
| Wednesday, August 9 | Psalm 94:8-15 | 1 Sam. 25:1-22 | 1 Cor. 3:1-23 |
| Thursday, August 10 | Psalm 14 | 1 Sam. 25:23-44 | 1 Cor. 4:1-21 |
| Friday, August 11 | Psalm 51:10-13 | 1 Sam. 26:1-25 | 1 Cor. 5:1-13 |
| Saturday, August 12 | Psalm 99:1-5 | 1 Sam. 28:3-25 | 1 Cor. 6:1-20 |

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 6, 2023

Theme: Christ comes to give Himself as life-giving bread, that we, who wander in this wasteland, might have life.

Hymn: 709, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 55:1–5: God invites all His people to the great feast of His salvation, that we may hear Him and speak to Him forever.

Romans 9:1–5: St. Paul pleads for the salvation of his people, the Israelites, that they might also know the Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 14:13–21: Our Lord feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 6:54: “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: FIRST PETITION 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.)

Hallowed be Thy name.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 136:1-9 (ESV)

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

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁴to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁷to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁸the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; ⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 136¹:

O Lord, who did not forsake Your people, who protected Zion with an outstretched arm, and defended Jerusalem with a mighty hand, restrain the wicked, convert the sinners, turn the hearts of our enemies, cover us with the shadow of Your wings, save Your Church in these perilous times, and always grant us the enjoyment of Your peace in Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Bill Cookston* and his loved ones

Hunter Burkhalter, the son of Chris's nephew, who is undergoing treatment for cancer

Walt Dissen, Sister Sara's uncle, who is in the hospital

Jacqueline McGinnis, friend of the Teals, who is ill

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.