



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13 through August 19, 2023*

Our Lord sends away His disciples that He might ascend the mountain to pray. This is a type of what is to come, when His disciples will forsake Him, and He shall go up mount Golgotha, there to pray to His Father that we might be forgiven of our sins. Jesus is ever upon this mountain, ever praying, that we might be forgiven. Therefore, when we lack faith, when we lack hope, when we lack love, let us do as St. Peter, and call upon the Lord, that He Who forever prays for us might reach down to us, and bring us to salvation.

### **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, August 13	Psalm 68:1-6	1 Sam. 31:1-13	1 Cor. 7:1-24
Monday, August 14	Psalm 33:13-21	2 Sam. 1:1-27	1 Cor. 7:25-40
Tuesday, August 15	Psalm 132:11-18	2 Sam. 5:1-25	1 Cor. 8:1-13
Wednesday, August 16	Psalm 11	2 Sam. 6:1-19	1 Cor. 9:1-23
Thursday, August 17	Psalm 24:1-6	2 Sam. 7:1-17	1 Cor. 9:24-10:22
Friday, August 18	Psalm 107:1-9	2 Sam. 7:18-29	1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
Saturday, August 19	Psalm 12	2 Sam. 11:1-27	1 Cor. 11:17-34

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 13, 2023

**Theme:** The Lord Christ forever prays to His Father for our salvation.

**Hymn:** 564, “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 56:1, 6–8:** The Lord promises that He will draw all nations into Israel, that all might keep His Sabbath, that is, that all might enjoy His rest.

**Romans 10:5–17:** St. Paul teaches that God shows no partiality between nations and peoples, but shall save all who call upon His holy name in repentance and faith.

**Matthew 14:22–33:** Christ walks upon the sea, and invites St. Peter to walk with him, and St. Peter, as he sinks into the sea for lack of faith, is rescued by Christ.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Acts 14:22:** “Continue in the faith. We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND PETITION I**

*(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.)*

### **Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 18:1-6 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>I love you, O LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. <sup>3</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. <sup>4</sup>The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; <sup>5</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup>In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 18<sup>1</sup>:**

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving do we offer unto You, O Father of lights, from whom comes every good and every perfect gift, because You daily preserve us from many evils, guard us in many dangers, crown us with many blessings, enable our hearts to appreciate Your goodness, and to rejoice before You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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: *Wyatt Coté* and his loved ones

*Juletta Chisholm and Baby*, friend of Jo Rudsenske, as they are experiencing medical problems in the pregnancy

*Amy Klager and Twins*, relatives of the Haynes, as one of the babies' amniotic sacs is leaking

*Family and Friends of Allen Pedersen*, Bob's brother, who has entered eternal rest

## **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.