



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 15 through October 21, 2023*

The Lord Christ tells another parable about a rich master who invites many to a wedding feast, yet they will not come. So, he invites many strangers, and covers them in beautiful wedding garments. And yet one who came did not wear the garment. The master calls him a friend, but nevertheless casts him out of the wedding, bound and weeping. This one is Christ, who suffered, that the rest of us, we who were estranged from the master, might rejoice in his wedding feast.

### **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, Oct. 15	Psalm 119:33-40	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Monday, Oct. 16	Psalm 37:3-11	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Psalm 39:4-13	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
Wednesday, Oct. 18	Psalm 75	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Thursday, Oct. 19	Psalm 80:14-19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36
Friday, Oct. 20	Psalm 138	Deut. 19:1-20	Matt. 15:1-20
Saturday, Oct. 21	Psalm 142	Deut. 20:1-20	Matt. 15:21-39

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 15, 2023

**Theme:** Christ takes upon Himself the nakedness of our sin and misery that we might receive the glory of His forgiveness.

**Hymn:** 384, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 25:6-9:** In the fulfillment of God’s salvation for his people, he will devour death and hell, and inaugurate the unending feast of his victory, wherein the praise of the Lord shall ever be raised.

**Philippians 4:4-13:** St. Paul exhorts the Church to rejoice in all things, having the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, and forever dwelling on all good things worthy of meditation.

**Matthew 22:1-14:** Christ tells a parable about a king who throws a wedding feast. All those invited refuse to come, so the king brings in the poor and homeless to fill his wedding hall. Among those brought in is a man who has not dressed properly for the occasion. This man the king ejects from the wedding feast into ‘the outer darkness.’

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Ephesians 2:1:** “You He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD’S PRAYER: CONCLUSION**

*(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.)*

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*What does this mean?* This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 96:1-9 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

## **LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 96<sup>1</sup>:**

Thanks to You, O Father of Light, for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to establish a kingdom of grace and forgiveness among men on this earth. By Your Spirit make us new creatures in heart, mind, soul, and sentiment, and teach us to sing the new song of this new kingdom with rejoicing and gladness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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: *The Fields Family* and their loved ones

*Chuck Haynes*, who is experiencing atrial fibrillation

*Anita Martin*, who is undergoing radiation treatment for cancer

*Leslie Ridlehoover*, whose mother 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.