



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of All Saints
November 5 through November 11, 2023*

On this great Feast of All Saints, we confess the communion of all those who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, who shall raise into glory both the great saint and the simple Christian, waking them from their graves, as from a little sleep, that they may awaken unto His glorious vision.

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, Nov. 5	Psalm 38:9-22	Jer. 7:1-29	Matt. 23:1-12
Monday, Nov. 6	Psalm 118:25-29	Jer. 8:18-9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
Tuesday, Nov. 7	Psalm 121	Jer. 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Psalm 143	Jer. 20:1-18	Matt. 24:29-51
Thursday, Nov. 9	Psalm 147:1-11	Jer. 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13
Friday, Nov. 10	Psalm 24	Jer. 23:1-20	Matt. 25:14-30
Saturday, Nov. 11	Psalm 143:1-10	Jer. 23:21-40	Matt. 25:31-46

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Theme: All who are baptized into the faith shall not know death, but only a short sleep, after which they shall awaken into everlasting life.

Hymn: 941, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Summary of Readings:

Revelation 7:9–17: The souls of all the baptized are gathered beneath the altar of heaven, there to pray for us who struggle on earth, and there to be consoled by the gracious words of God.

1 John 3:1–3: St. John teaches that all who have entered God’s Church and trusted in His name have been purified and have become God’s children.

Matthew. 5:1–12: Jesus speaks of the blessedness of all who hold fast to His name, regardless of all the sufferings of this life.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 5:10: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

THE CATECHISM: BAPTISM (PART III.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.)

How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 149 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. ⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, ⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, ⁸to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, ⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 149¹:

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, King of glory, because by suffering and death and the shedding of Your blood You redeemed us from the kingdom of darkness, and made us partakers of Your victory over Satan, sin, and death. Grant us a cheerful faith to sing of Your grace with heart and soul and to make known Your salvation among men. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through 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: *Allen & Sabrina Goodlett* and their loved ones

Gary Henderson, Eloise Springer's nephew, who was diagnosed with cancer

Casey Paton, the Millers' son-in-law, who is receiving treatment for cancer

Victims of the shooting in Maine

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.