



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14 through April 20, 2024*

The Son became flesh, and descended to dwell with us, that He might endure the baptism of His Passion, and drink the cup of God's wrath; that being put to death, He might rise again, and ascend unto His Father. In doing so, He instituted His Sacraments and established His Church, that we too might be baptized, but unto forgiveness, and drink of a cup, but into salvation. Even as we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ, and so bring Him into ourselves, by His Spirit, we are brought into Him, never to be separated.

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, April 14	Psalm 119:49-56	Ex. 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Monday, April 15	Psalm 80:1-7	Ex. 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday, April 16	Psalm 86:11-17	Ex. 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday, April 17	Psalm 84:1-4	Ex. 34:29—35:21	Luke 7:36-50
Thursday, April 18	Psalm 119:145-152	Ex. 38:21—39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Friday, April 19	Psalm 107:23-32	Ex. 39:32—40:16	Luke 8:22-39
Saturday, April 20	Psalm 41:1-3, 11-13	Ex. 40:17-38	Luke 8:40-56

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 14, 2024

Theme: By the mysteries of Christ’s suffering are the mysteries of our joy established.

Hymn: 532, “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

Summary of Readings:

Acts 3:11–21: St. Peter preaches the message of the Gospel to all of Jerusalem, proclaiming the resurrection of Christ, and calling for all to repent and receive eternal life.

1 John 3:1–7: St. John explains that we have become children of God, children of His Light, by the work of Christ, and that we must now walk in the Light, and live in righteousness.

Luke 24:36–49: Jesus appears before His disciples, who are astonished at Him, and reveals to them His wounded hands and feet; and having shown them His glorified body, He is given grilled fish to eat. Then He explains to the disciples all the Old Testament, how it all proclaims Him.

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 at the last day.”

THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE’S CREED: SECOND 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? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 4 (ESV)

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

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! ²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? ³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ⁴Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. ⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!” ⁷You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. ⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 4¹:

O God, our merciful Father in heaven, fill our hearts with patience under the cross, strengthen our faith, and so govern us that we give offense to none, neither in word nor deed. Grant us also this day all that we need for body and soul. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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: *Bob & Gloria Pedersen* and their loved ones

Cheryl Bodkin, who broke her foot

David Goldsmith, Nancy Teal's brother-in-law, who is recovering from a stroke

Tahlia Ferderer, the Holowaches' granddaughter, who is in the hospital

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.