



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Holy Trinity
May 26 through June 2, 2024*

The doctrine of the Trinity is something that we cannot comprehend in any logical way, for it is the doctrine of who God is, and God is above all human understanding. We know God by what He has done, and especially by what He has done for us, that He is the Father of all creation, that He sent His only begotten Son to be made man and to die for us. And that, ascending into heaven after His resurrection, He gave to us His Holy Spirit, that we may endure in this world, and live in His Kingdom, until the consummation of this age. To the Christian, this is the Holy Trinity, the God that, in three persons, perfected our Faith.

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, May 26	Psalm 46:1-7	Num. 35:9-30	Luke 24:28-53
Monday, May 27	Psalm 27:4-10	Eccl. 4:1-16	John 7:32-53
Tuesday, May 28	Psalm 32:1-5	Eccl. 5:1-20	John 8:1-20
Wednesday, May 29	Psalm 39:4-11	Eccl. 1:1-18	John 6:60-71
Thursday, May 30	Psalm 110	Eccl. 2:1-26	John 7:1-13
Friday, May 31	Psalm 146:5-10	Eccl. 8:1-17	John 9:1-23
Saturday, June 1	Psalm 97:4-12	Eccl. 9:1-17	John 9:24-41

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 26, 2024

Theme: We know the Trinity by what He has done for us.

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

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 6:1–8: The prophet Isaiah is given a vision of heaven, and is cleansed of sin by an angel, that he might be made worthy to preach the message which God is to give him.

Acts 2:14a, 22–36: St. Peter preaches the Gospel of Christ’s death and resurrection in the city of Jerusalem.

John 3:1-17: Christ speaks to Nicodemus, telling him that he must be born again. Nicodemus does not understand, asking whether he must be rebirthed by his mother. Christ reveals to him the mystery of baptism.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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 29: (ESV)

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

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!” ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 29¹:

Thanks and praise be unto You, our God and Lord, for sending us the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in which You teach us the way of salvation and comfort us with the hope of everlasting life. Make Your Word in us a power of salvation, and the anchor of our souls in life and death. Cause also the voice of Your Word to be sounded abroad, that the nations that do not know You may come to Your light. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, 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: *Keeley Rimoldi* and her loved ones

Vance & Linda Becker, our missionaries to Kenya, who are traveling home to the USA

James Haughton, Bruce Bodkin's brother-in-law, who is recovering from surgery

The family of Melvin McNair, Jr., friend of the Pedersens, 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.