



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Seventh Week of Easter
May 12 through May 18, 2024*

The depths of our depravity cannot be understood by our sinful minds, yet we wrong one another anew day after day. This is the world we created in the Fall of Adam. Christ has come, not to take us out of this world, but to clothe us in His truth, that we might bear the burdens of this world in faith towards God, love towards our neighbor, and hope in the final Resurrection of the body.

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 12	Psalm 81:10-16	Num. 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34
Monday, May 13	Psalm 146:5-9	Num. 14:26-45	Luke 18:35— 19:10
Tuesday, May 14	Psalm 111	Num. 16:1-22	Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday, May 15	Psalm 118:19-25	Num. 16:23-40	Luke 19:29-48
Thursday, May 16	Psalm 80:14-19	Num. 16:41—17:13	Luke 20:1-18
Friday, May 17	Psalm 78:9-16	Num. 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44
Saturday, May 18	Ps. 116:1-4, 16-19	Num. 20:22—21:9	Luke 20:45— 21:19

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 12, 2024

Theme: Christ comes to clothe us in the truth of His word.

Hymn: #539, “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

Summary of Readings:

Acts 1:12–26: The Apostles cast lots, and choose Matthias to replace Judas.

1 John 5:9–15: St. John teaches that whosoever confesses the Son has life in His name.

John 17:11b–19: Our Lord prays for His people, that we might remain in His name, and in His word, and so be consecrated unto God, though we be persecuted by the world.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 1:1: “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: FIRST 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.)

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 1 (ESV)

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

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 1¹:

O God, thanks and praise belong to You because You have given us Your Holy Word. Enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit to understand Your counsel of grace in Jesus Christ, to love Your Word, and to take delight in learning Your statutes and walking in Your Law. Bestow Your blessing and prosperity on the works of our hands in our Christian calling and all our conversation. Amen

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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: *Laura Rawson* and her loved ones

Cheryl Bodkin, who is recovering from foot surgery

The Family of Rodney Loose, former pastor of Christ Lutheran, who has entered eternal rest

Our Graduates, especially Joshua Bowman and William Nelson, as they graduate this month

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.