



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2 through June 8, 2024*

God made Adam and all men, according to His intention, to work what was given him, but not to toil, for toil is part of the curse placed upon man in the Fall. What God desired in the beginning is that we rest in Him, that is, that we enjoy Him forever. Today, the Disciples rest in their Lord, eating of what grows, even as Adam did, while walking with the Lord in the cool of the day. This the Pharisees do not understand, for they did not understand that, in Christ, Eden was being reborn.

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, June 2	Psalm 9:3-6, 13-14	Eccl. 10:1-20	John 10:1-21
Monday, June 3	Psalm 77:5-11, 14-15	Eccl. 11:1-10	John 10:22-42
Tuesday, June 4	Psalm 61	Eccl. 12:1-14	John 11:1-16
Wednesday, June 5	Psalm 72:12-19	Proverbs 1:8-33	John 11:17-37
Thursday, June 6	Psalm 119:169-176	Proverbs 3:5-24	John 11:38-57
Friday, June 7	Psalm 119:9-16	Proverbs 4:1-27	John 12:1-19
Saturday, June 8	Psalm 36:7-12	Proverbs 5:1-23	John 12:20-36a

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 2, 2024

Theme: Christ has come that we all might have rest in Him.

Hymn: 738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”

Summary of Readings:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15: God commands us to “observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” By linking the Sabbath first to creation and then to His deliverance from slavery in Egypt, He clearly reveals it as a gift for life – a gift we do not want to forsake.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12: St. Paul suffers all manner of affliction for his faithful testimony, but rejoices to proclaim the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ for the life of the world.

Mark 2:23-28: Jesus reaches out to the Pharisees who have bound themselves to the Sabbath under the law, that they might repent and receive the gifts He brings for their healing, life, and reconciliation with the Father. “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Galatians 3:26-27: “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND PETITION II

(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.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 130: (ESV)

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

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 130¹:

God, our Father, who is rich in mercy and with whom is plenteous forgiveness, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions. Blot them out for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who became the sacrifice for our sins. For the sake of His crimson blood let our sins be forgotten, and let them be imputed to us no more. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, 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: *Chuck Rubisoff* and his loved ones

Cheryl Bodkin, as she continues to recover from foot surgery

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

Nicole Tatum, Nancy's daughter-in-law, who is receiving treatment for cancer

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.