



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16 through June 22, 2024*

Christ, God made true man, is the blessed man of the first Psalm, who kept the Law and fulfilled it. By His obedience unto death upon the cross, His cross has become for us the tree of our redemption, beneath which we find rest. Therefore, labor not, but rest beneath the tree of Christ, and bless His holy name.

### **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 16	Psalm 147:1-11	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16
Monday, June 17	Psalm 107:1-9	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33
Tuesday, June 18	Psalm 86:9-17	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26
Wednesday, June 19	Psalm 31:9-10, 14-19	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14
Thursday, June 20	Psalm 45:6-12	Proverbs 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40
Friday, June 21	Psalm 22:22-27	Proverbs 24:1-22	John 19:1-22
Saturday, June 22	Psalm 22:12-21	Proverbs 25:1-22	John 19:23-42

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 16, 2024

**Theme:** The cross of Jesus is the great tree beneath which we find rest.

**Hymn:** 834, “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

### Summary of Readings:

**Ezekiel. 17:22–24:** The Lord promises the establishment of His Kingdom through His Son, and likens this Kingdom to a great tree.

**2 Corinthians. 5:1–10:** St. Paul encourages the Church to hold fast to the promise of the eternal and heavenly kingdom, our true home.

**Mark 4:26–34:** The Son speaks in parables, and likens His ministry, and the establishment of His kingdom, to the growing of a great mustard seed which produces a tree within which believers find their rest.

## MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Psalm 1:6:** “The LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: THIRD 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 will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

### **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:*

<sup>1</sup> 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;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He 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.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 1<sup>1</sup>:**

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: *John & Jo Rudsenske* and their loved ones

*The Johnson Family*, friends of the Haynes, who mourn the death of David Johnson's fiancée

*Bob & Ealine Kelly*, friends of the Weidners, who need healing

*Sherri Smith*, who has received a liver transplant

## **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.