



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23 through June 29, 2024*

It was the will of God that we be beside His side, ruling over creation with Him forever. Yet we chose to follow the wisdom of Satan, of Good and Evil, and so we fell into the chaos of this life, and we cannot save ourselves. Yet the Lord promises One to come; One who is God, who will slay our ancient foe, and *deliver us from evil*.

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 23	Psalm 139:14-18, 23-24	Prov. 27:1-24	John 20:1-18
Monday, June 24	Psalm 85:7-13	Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33	John 20:19-31
Tuesday, June 25	Psalm 119:41-18	Prov. 31:10-31	John 21:1-25
Wednesday, June 26	Psalm 31:19-24	Joshua 1:1-18	Acts 8:1-25
Thursday, June 27	Psalm 51:1-9	Joshua 2:1-24	Acts 8:26-40
Friday, June 28	Psalm 89:24-29	Joshua 3:1-17	Acts 9:1-22
Saturday, June 29	Psalm 103:1-12	Joshua 4:1-24	Acts 9:23-43

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 23, 2024

Theme: Christ comes to deliver us from the madness of this world, and restore us to our rightful position and co-creators and rulers with God over all created things.

Hymn: 752, “Be Still, My Soul”

Summary of Readings:

Job 38:1-11: God speaks to Job from the whirlwind after hearing Job pray to Him repeatedly for an answer as to why he must suffer so much.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13: St. Paul describes the nature of his ministry, how he shows the love of God to the Church in all that he does, that as many as possible might be won over by the Gospel.

Mark 4:35-41: Christ stills the storms as the disciples within the boat tremble in terror, first at the storm, then at the authority of the Son.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Jeremiah 31:34: “They shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD’S PRAYER: FOURTH 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.)

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 124 (ESV)

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

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—²let Israel now say—²if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, ³then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; ⁵then over us would have gone the raging waters. ⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! ⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 124¹:

Praise belongs to You, Lord God, because You have so mightily preserved Your Church against her enemies, both visible and invisible, that the very gates of hell could not prevail against her. Defend us against all evil, and preserve us and our children in the true knowledge of You and of our Savior Jesus Christ, whom You have sent, that in Him we may have life. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Daryl & Sherri Smith* and their loved ones

The Family of Lee Agnew, friend of the Pedersens, who has entered eternal rest

Anita Martin, who is recovering from knee surgery

Luke Pigott, friend of the Rudsenskes, who has severe heart failure

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.