



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14 through July 20, 2024*

We are slaves to sin, and being slaves, we serve our sin. Having become servants of our sinful corruption, what we fear most is the accusation of the Law. For this reason, Herod feared that John the Baptist may have arisen from the dead, to accuse him anew. Yet it would not be John that rose again, but Jesus; that is to say, it is not the Law that rises again to accuse us, but the Gospel which reigns forever to forgive us.

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, July 14	Psalm 119:1-8	Judg. 14:1-20	Gal. 3:1-22
Monday, July 15	Psalm 33:13-22	Judg. 15:1—16:3	Gal. 3:23—4:11
Tuesday, July 16	Psalm 21:1-7	Judg. 16:4-30	Gal. 4:12-31
Wednesday, July 17	Psalm 92:8-15	1 Sam. 1:1-20	Gal. 5:1-26
Thursday, July 18	Psalm 20	1 Sam. 1:21—2:17	Gal. 6:1-18
Friday, July 19	Psalm 82	1 Sam. 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
Saturday, July 20	Psalm 119:57-64	1 Sam. 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JULY 14, 2024

Theme: By the resurrection of Christ, we know that, though the Law rightfully reveals and condemns our sin, the Gospel ultimately has the last word, now and forever.

Hymn: 743, “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Summary of Readings:

Amos 7:7–15: Amos prophesies concerning the death of Jeroboam and the exile of Israel.

Eph. 1:3–14: St. Paul blesses the Church and encourages them in the surety of their election, reminding them of the consolation and strength which the knowledge of their election brings them.

Mark 6:14–29: Herod, answering the demand of Herodias’ daughter, beheads John the Baptist, and fears that Jesus is actually John who has returned from the dead.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 14:13: “Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SIXTH PETITION

(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.)

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 85:1-13 (ESV)

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

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 85¹:

Remember not, O God, our transgressions against us, and record not our sins in Your book, but cast them into the depth of the sea, and remember them no more forever. Impute to us the obedience of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who fulfilled all righteousness for us and gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Let us live for His sake, and enable us to walk worthy of our calling. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: *Nancy Tatum* and her loved ones

Rivers Kettler, who is baptized into Christ this day

Ward Marsh, friend of Mark Ochs, who is undergoing surgery for cancer

All who participate in Vacation Bible School this week

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.