



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 13 through October 19, 2024*

The Pharisees seek after righteousness, and yet no sinner may achieve such a thing. So they turn the Law to conform to the weakness of their flesh, and though they believe that in doing so, they have pleased God, in reality they merely insult Him. A young man, great in wealth, comes to Christ, seeking also after righteousness, having kept the commandments given by Moses. Yet unlike the Pharisees, Christ does not rebuke him, but rather loves him, and gives him one last commandment to keep. Ultimately, he cannot do it, and so despairs of himself; yet it is in this despair of himself that Jesus offers the fullness of Himself.

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, Oct. 13	Psalm 111	Deut. 11:26-12:12	Matt. 12:22-37
Monday, Oct. 14	Psalm 114	Deut.12:13-32	Matt. 12:38-50
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Psalm 119:33-40	Deut. 13:1-18	Matt. 13:1-23
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Psalm 37:3-11	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15	Matt. 13:24-43
Thursday, Oct. 17	Psalm 39:4-13	Deut. 15:19-16:22	Matt. 13:44-58
Friday, Oct.18	Psalm 75	Deut. 17:1-20	Matt. 14:1-21
Saturday, Oct. 19	Psalm 80:14-19	Deut. 18:1-22	Matt. 14:22-36

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – OCTOBER 13, 2024

Theme: In Christ is found every good thing to fill the emptiness of our righteousness and being, for He is our holiness and our salvation, and to follow Him is to be filled by His divine goodness.

Hymn: 694, “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

Summary of Readings:

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15: God commands the people to turn away from their transgressions and pursue righteousness.

Hebrews 3:12–19: The author of Hebrews enjoins the Church to not become complacent, but to be on guard against sin and heresy, lest we falter.

Mark 10:17–22: Our Lord meets the rich young ruler, and commands him to give away all that he has, and to follow Him.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: “These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

THE CATECHISM: THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

(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.)

*What is the Second Commandment? **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 90:12-17 (ESV)

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

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 90¹:

O lord, eternal God, teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, embracing Christ and His Gospel as Your wisdom and Your counsel for our salvation. Grant us grace to walk honestly as in the day that, when our last hour is come, we may be found in true faith and godliness, ready to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father 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: *Charles Cowards* and his loved ones

The Family and Friends of Bill Cox, friend of the Pedersens, who has entered eternal rest

Eloise Springer, who has had health problems

David Zavoina, friend of Mark Ochs, who had a heart attack

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.