



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of All Saints
November 3 through November 9, 2024*

The Feast of All Saints was instituted originally for the commemoration of all those saints that we do not generally call by name, the famous saints such as St. Andrew or St. Matthew, or St. John. But now, it is a celebration of the rest of us as well, which is to say, it is a celebration of the forgotten: those who knew no great glory, save the menial service of a forgiven sinner in the common vocations given to us, and it seems, to everyone else. Yet to such as these, a great kingdom is now being given, even at the hand of the first forgotten saint, the Christ.

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, Nov. 3	Psalm 15	Jer. 3:6-4:2	Matt. 22:1-22
Monday, Nov. 4	Psalm 110	Jer. 5:1-19	Matt. 22:23-46
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Psalm 38:9-22	Jer. 7:1-29	Matt. 23:1-12
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Psalm 118:25-29	Jer. 8:18-9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
Thursday, Nov. 7	Psalm 121	Jer. 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28
Friday, Nov. 8	Psalm 143	Jer. 20:1-18	Matt. 24:29-51
Saturday, Nov. 9	Psalm 147:1-11	Jer. 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Theme: This day, we celebrate God’s mercy and forgiveness upon all the baptized.

Hymn: 941, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You”

Summary of Readings:

Revelation 7:9–17: The souls of all the baptized are gathered beneath the altar of heaven, there to pray for us who struggle on earth, and there to be consoled by the gracious words of God.

1 John 3:1–3: St. John teaches that all who have entered God’s Church and trusted in His name have been purified and have become God’s children.

Matthew. 5:1–12: Jesus speaks of the blessedness of all who hold fast to His name, regardless of all the sufferings of this life.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 5:5, 7, 9-10: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth... Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy... Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

THE CATECHISM: THE 5TH 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 Fifth Commandment? **You shall not murder.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 149 (ESV)

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

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. ⁵Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, ⁷to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, ⁸to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, ⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones.
Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 149¹:

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, King of glory, because by suffering and death and the shedding of Your blood You redeemed us from the kingdom of darkness, and made us partakers of Your victory over Satan, sin, and death. Grant us a cheerful faith to sing of Your grace with heart and soul and to make known Your salvation among men. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through 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: *Francis Dillon* and his loved ones

Becky Bright, Lori Held's mother, who is recovering from surgery

Terry Swisher, Margaret Haynes' brother-in-law, who is recovering from a broken hip

Our Country, as its citizens vote in the election 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.