



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17 through November 23, 2024*

The Lord continues to walk about the Temple, teaching His disciples of the end times. Having spoken of the widow who gives up her life for the sake of the God, so He speaks to them of the Temple that will be destroyed, and the followers of God that will be betrayed and killed. Yet in all this, He tells His disciples to not be afraid, a great thing to demand. But the disciples do not understand His teaching, because they do not know that He speaks first 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, Nov. 17	Psalm 148:1-6	Jer. 33:1-22	Matt. 27:11-32
Monday, Nov. 18	Psalm 22:1-5	Jer. 37:1-21	Matt. 27:33-56
Tuesday, Nov. 19	Psalm 20	Jer. 38:1-28	Matt. 27:57-66
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Psalm 118:19-29	Dan. 1:1-21	Matt. 28:1-20
Thursday, Nov. 21	Psalm 114	Dan. 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
Friday, Nov. 22	Psalm 111	Dan. 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
Saturday, Nov. 23	Psalm 39:4-12	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Theme: The Lord shall endure every suffering on our behalf, and be raised on the third day, that we, being strengthened by faith in Him, might follow Him, enduring every trial, and so be made inheritors of His victory.

Hymn: 685, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Summary of Readings:

Daniel 12:1–3: Daniel prophesies of the resurrection of the dead, the faithless unto judgment, the faithful unto glory.

Hebrews 10:11–25: By Christ’s one sacrifice, we are sanctified, and our hearts are in fact being renewed. Therefore, we are to persevere in our battle against sin in this life, loving one another, and encouraging one another in the faith.

Mark 13:1–13: Our Lord speaks of the signs of the End Times, and of the fate of the Apostles, and of all who bear the name of Christ.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Romans 13:10: “Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

THE CATECHISM: THE 7TH 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 Seventh Commandment? **You shall not steal.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 16 (ESV)

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

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 16¹:

Thanks be unto You, Lord Jesus, for Your bitter sufferings, Your shameful death, and Your joyous resurrection. Enlighten our eyes to see in You the way unto life. Uphold us by Your truth, so we may not fall into idolatry and false worship, and preserve us in the true faith unto eternal life. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: *The Fields Family* and their loved ones

Gary Atchley, who is recovering from brain surgery

Donna Carson, Gloria Pedersen's cousin, who is recovering from a stroke

Nancy Jones, Curt Dickens' mother, whose cancer has returned

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.