



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 24 through December 30, 2024*

The Lord begins to tell His disciples about when the end will come. And yet, with every passing sentence, He confuses more than He explains, seeming to suggest that the end is now, and yet is to come, and yet may have already passed. He does this not to confuse, but to teach us that it is not ours to know when the time will come, but only that we should always be prepared for its coming.

### **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. 24	Psalm 41:7-12	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Monday, Nov. 25	Psalm 48:9-14	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Psalm 75	Dan 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Psalm 66:16-19	Is. 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Thursday, Nov. 28	Psalm 102:13-17	Is. 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
Friday, Nov. 29	Psalm 118:19-24	Is. 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
Saturday, Nov. 30	Psalm 123	Is. 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 24, 2024

**Theme:** Be prepared always for the appearing of the Lord.

**Hymn:** 512, “At the Name of Jesus”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 51:4-6:** As the “Day of Righteousness” draws near, we are advised to turn from the things of this world to give full attention to God’s Word. For all else will vanish, wear out, and die, but God’s judgment and His salvation will last forever.

**Jude 20-25:** The brother of our Lord encourages us to “build ourselves up in the faith,” to live from the gifts of God’s love, and to share those gifts with others as we await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mark 13:24-37:** No one knows the day or hour of our Lord’s return, which is why we must live in readiness, awake and trusting in His promises as we serve faithfully in our lives and vocations.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**1 Peter 4:8:** “Love covers a multitude of sins.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 Eighth Commandment? **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 93 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

<sup>2</sup> Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

<sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

<sup>4</sup> Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

<sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 93<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord Jesus, triumphant Victor and glorious King, continue to spread Your kingdom on earth, converting the nations from the power of darkness unto Your light. Preserve Your Gospel in its truth and purity to us and to our children in all generations. Grant us to worship You in righteousness and true holiness all our days, and finally receive us into those glorious mansions that You have prepared in the house of Your Father. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR:**

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Gallarno Family* and their loved ones

*The Family of Donald Beehler*, Elaine Monaghan's brother, who has entered eternal rest

*Roger Lindsey*, former member of Christ Lutheran, who is ill

*Joan Wilson*, the Hansfords' neighbor, who is recovering

## **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.