



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16 through March 22, 2025*

Jesus begins His journey to Jerusalem, and no one—neither Herod nor the Pharisees—will stop Him, for it is His Father’s will that He go to the Holy City to endure His Passion and death. In His sufferings, He shall found a new kingdom: that of His Father in heaven. All who believe in Him shall inherit this kingdom and become citizens of the New Jerusalem.

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

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| Sunday, March 16 | Psalm 139:7-10 | Gen. 16:1-9, 15— 17:22 | Mark 6:1-13 |
| Monday, March 17 | Psalm 91:9-16 | Gen. 18:1-15 | Mark 6:14-34 |
| Tuesday, March 18 | Psalm 126 | Gen. 21:1-21 | Mark 6:35-56 |
| Wednesday, March 19 | Psalm 66:8-15 | Gen. 22:1-19 | Mark 7:1-23 |
| Thursday, March 20 | Psalm 28:6-9 | Gen. 24:1-31 | Mark 7:24-37 |
| Friday, March 21 | Psalm 118:19-24 | Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67 | Mark 8:1-21 |
| Saturday, March 22 | Psalm 2:7-9 | Gen. 27:1-29 | Mark 8:22-38 |

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MARCH 16, 2025

Theme: Nothing shall prevent Jesus from going to His death in Jerusalem.

Hymn: 708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 26:8–15: Jeremiah the prophet is threatened by the Jerusalemites for prophesying against the city. Jeremiah rebukes them, saying that if they kill him, God will not hold that city innocent.

Philippians 3:17—4:1: St. Paul urges the Church, as citizens of a new kingdom, to remain unstained from the world, for those who live only to satisfy their desires will be destroyed, but those who suffer on for the sake of Christ will be rewarded.

Luke 13:31–35: The Pharisees seek to avert Jesus from going to Jerusalem. Jesus rebukes them, then explains that He must go to Jerusalem so that He may die there.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 6:40: “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: THIRD PETITION (PART 1)

(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.)

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 4 (ESV)

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

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah

³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

⁷You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 4¹:

O God, our merciful Father in heaven, fill our hearts with patience under the cross, strengthen our faith, and so govern us that we give offense to none, neither in word nor deed. Grant us also this day all that we need for body and soul. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

O God You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Joshua & Sarah McKeown* and their loved ones

Cheryl Bodkin, who is recovering from surgery

Mallory Richard, friend of the Goodletts, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Laura Rawson, who has been hospitalized

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.