



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20 through April 26, 2025*

We stand in fear at the risen Christ, for He is as a great and dreadful king of old, who returns from His conquest, carrying great treasures in His train. Yet all this treasure He brings, that we, His children, may be wealthy by His conquest.

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, April 20	Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	Ex. 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23—8:13
Monday, April 21	Psalm 13	Ex. 15:1-18	Heb. 9:1-28
Tuesday, April 22	Psalm 81:1-7	Ex. 15:19—16:12	Heb. 10:1-18
Wednesday, April 23	Psalm 134	Ex. 16:13-35	Heb. 10:19-39
Thursday, April 24	Psalm 114	Ex. 17:1-16	Heb. 11:1-29
Friday, April 25	Psalm 145:1-9	Ex. 18:5-27	Heb. 12:1-24
Saturday, April 26	Psalm 30:3-12	Ex. 19:1-25	Heb. 13:1-21

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 20, 2025

Theme: Christ has arisen, He who is our Salvation and our God, our Light and our Savior.

Hymn: 467, “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25: God promises a new heaven and a new earth, a place of joy where He will gather His people; a place where the sound of weeping and distress will be heard no more; a place of promise that is ours through our union into Christ’s resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep and will soon follow in His train on the Last Day. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Luke 24:1-12: The tomb is empty, the stone rolled away. From now on, the messengers of God must proclaim, “He is not here...” Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Ephesians 6:11, 17: “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil... Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is word of God.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD’S PRAYER: SIXTH PETITION

(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.)

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

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:

⁹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴The 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. ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹You 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 PREFACE TO 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 FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; 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: *Bailey Moore* and her loved ones

Anita Martin, who will undergo a procedure for cancer this week

The Family of Ed Sallis, friend of the Haynes, who has entered eternal rest

Rachel Weinrich, friend of the Fields', who is 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.