



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of Pentecost
June 8 through June 14, 2025*

The Lord promises the Holy Spirit to the Disciples, and to the Church. Yet He calls it something strange, ‘The Helper,’ or ‘Comforter’ or ‘Advocate,’ all ways we try to translate the Greek term *paraclete*. A *paraclete* in Roman society was a someone who would testify in court on behalf of a person who was favored by the gods. In the same way, the role of the Spirit will be to testify before men who crucified Jesus that the Christ was innocent of all accusations, was truly sinless, and was indeed raised from the dead, to live and reign forevermore.

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, June 8	Psalm 135:8-14	Num. 21:10-35	Luke 21:20-38
Monday, June 9	Psalm 128	Num. 22:1-20	Luke 22:1-23
Tuesday, June 10	Psalm 94:8-14	Num. 22:21— 23:3	Luke 22:24-46
Wednesday, June 11	Psalm 22:19-26	Num. 23:4-28	Luke 22:47-71
Thursday, June 12	Psalm 1	Num. 24:1-25	Luke 23:1-25
Friday, June 13	Psalm 132:8-12	Num. 27:12-23	Luke 23:26-56
Saturday, June 14	Psalm 97:6-12	Num. 32:1-6, 16- 27	Luke 24:1-27

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 8, 2025

Theme: The Holy Spirit testifies to the Father’s acceptance of the His beloved Son.

Hymn: 498, “Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 11:1-9: Man attempts to build a tower to heaven, to gain by their own cunning that communion with God from which they were forbidden by their sin in Adam. So God punishes them by confusing their language, causing everyone to speak in his own tongue. Now, as a result of man’s pride, not only is his communion with God made impossible, but even that between his fellow man is made difficult.

Acts 2:1-21: God pours out the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and all the Church, as Christ had promised, and the eleven preach the Gospel to those present, speaking to everyone in their own language, thus undoing the curse of Babel.

John 14:23-31: Christ speaks of His leaving the twelve to return to the Father through His death and resurrection; yet He promises to them ‘the Helper,’ that is, the Holy Spirit, which will guide them in the way of truth.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Romans 6:3-4: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

THE CATECHISM: BAPTISM (PART 5)

(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 does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 143 (ESV)

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

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! ²Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. ³For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. ⁴Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. ⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. ⁶I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. ⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. ⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. ⁹Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge! ¹⁰Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! ¹²And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 143¹:

By Your grace, O God, grant us the forgiveness of all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit enlighten our eyes to see both our own sinfulness and the holiness of Your Law, that our trust may not stand in the righteousness of works, but in Your grace which You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to sanctify and cleanse us. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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: *Will Pickering* and his loved ones

Family and friends of Angelo Fornataro, friend of the Haynes, who has entered eternal rest

Family and friends of Patsy Lafferty, Chuck Rubisoff's mother-in-law, who has entered eternal rest

Corinn Watts, member of Good Shepherd, who is in hospice

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.