



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22 through June 28, 2025*

Our God is a good God, but He is not a safe God. In His Incarnation and ministry, we see Him as a lowly and humble man; yet even in His humility His power is manifest. A day will come, the Last Day, when His humility will be shown to be exaltation, and His lowliness to be glory. On that day, He shall make all the world His footstool, and all those who have been washed in the blood of the cross shall be made raised in majesty.

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 22	Psalm 22:12-21	Proverbs 25:1-22	John 19:23-42
Monday, June 23	Psalm 139:14-18, 23-24	Prov. 27:1-24	John 20:1-18
Tuesday, June 24	Psalm 85:7-13	Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33	John 20:19-31
Wednesday, June 25	Psalm 119:41-18	Prov. 31:10-31	John 21:1-25
Thursday, June 26	Psalm 31:19-24	Joshua 1:1-18	Acts 8:1-25
Friday, June 27	Psalm 51:1-9	Joshua 2:1-24	Acts 8:26-40
Saturday, June 28	Psalm 89:24-29	Joshua 3:1-17	Acts 9:1-22

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 22, 2025

Theme: Christ is surely coming to judge the living and the dead.

Hymn: 454, “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 65:1–9: The prophet declares that Israel has denied their God, and God promises castigation for their hatred, that they may be corrected, but ultimately promises them redemption.

Galatians 3:23—4:7: St. Paul teaches that all, being granted the faith of Christ, are equal and one, and all distinctions are nullified. All, instead, are children of God, and heirs of His kingdom.

Luke 8:26–39: Christ casts out the demons who possessed the Gesarene man. In response, the pagan Gesarenes expel Him from their presence, for they fear His power.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Psalm 32:5: “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and You forgave me the iniquity of my sin.”

THE CATECHISM: CONFESSION (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.)

What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 3 (ESV)

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

¹O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; ²many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.” ³But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. ⁴I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. ⁵I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. ⁶I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. ⁷Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. ⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 3¹:

Lord Jesus, You were delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Bless and defend Your Holy Church. Endue Your Word with power, strengthen our faith, and after the sufferings of this life grant us to celebrate a happy Easter, rising again to live and reign with You in all eternity. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, be with us as the sure defense of Your Church. Defend us against our enemies, preserve us from the persecutions of the wicked, and when our last hour has come, deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, and receive us into Your everlasting kingdom. 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 Ramsey Family* and their loved ones

The Family of Ann Marie Farley, friend of the Kettlers, who has entered eternal rest
Glen Hansford, as he flies a mission

The Family of Corinne Watts, member of Good Shepherd, who has entered eternal rest

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.