



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29 through July 5, 2025*

Jesus goes toward Jerusalem, and wants to stop in a Samaritan town on the way to rest. Yet they will not take Him in, because they think He is a heretic, a false believer, since He worships in Jerusalem, and not where the Samaritans worship, on Mount Gerizim. Jesus decides to just move on, but the disciples are angered by the rejection the Samaritans gave, and want to destroy them. The Lord does not condemn the Samaritans, but the disciples, telling them that the Son of Man *has no place to lay his head*. He tells the disciples that He is homeless, and tells them that they too are homeless, if they indeed are His disciples, for they are *of a kingdom not of this world*. So the Lord tells them to follow Him. To follow Him to the true and final home in Heaven.

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 29	Psalm 103:1-12	Joshua 4:1-24	Acts 9:23-43
Monday, June 30	Psalm 114	Joshua 5:1—6:5	Acts 10:1-17
Tuesday, July 1	Psalm 47:1-7	Joshua 6:6-27	Acts 10:18-33
Wednesday, July 2	Psalm 51:1-9	Joshua 7:1-26	Acts 10:34-48
Thursday, July 3	Psalm 84:5-8	Joshua 8:1-28	Acts 11:1-18
Friday, July 4	Psalm 50:1-6	Joshua 10:1-25	Acts 11:19-30
Saturday, July 5	Psalm 68:1-6	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JUNE 29, 2025

Theme: Our Lord Jesus will guide us to our true home, which is in heaven.

Hymn: 430, “My Song is Love Unknown”

Summary of Readings:

1 Kings 19:9b-21: As Elijah despairs over his failure to make things go the way he thinks they should, the Lord pours out His assurance through His Word that sustains Elijah on his journey.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25: Now that we have received the Holy Spirit through Baptism that puts us on the path to life, the last thing we want to do is get back on the path chosen by our old Adam that leads us into death.

Luke 9:51-62: As Jesus invites His hearers to follow Him to new life by way of His cross, He shows us our sin, pointing to the cares of this world and the desires of our flesh that stand as obstacles along the way.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

1 John 1:8-9: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

THE CATECHISM: CONFESSION (PART 2)

(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 sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

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:

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ The 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. ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹ You 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 PRAYER ON 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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: *Laura Rawson* and her loved ones

Ed Bolger, friend of Nancy Teal, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Linda Clark, friend of the Fields, who has been diagnosed with sarcoidosis

John Frantz, former organist of Christ Lutheran, 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.