



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20 through July 26, 2025*

The Lord comes to the house of Mary and Martha. Martha does what is good, for she waits upon the Lord, serving Him. Mary, on the other hand, sits and listens to Him teach. Both have done well, for both seek after the Lord. But Martha does what she must now in time. Mary has chosen what will last forever.

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, July 20	Psalm 119:57-64	1 Sam. 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22
Monday, July 21	Psalm 106:1-5	1 Sam. 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40
Tuesday, July 22	Psalm 137:1-7	1 Sam. 5:1—6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
Wednesday, July 23	Psalm 119:113-120	1 Sam. 6:19— 7:17	Acts 19:1-22
Thursday, July 24	Psalm 24:7-10	1 Sam. 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36
Friday, July 25	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Sam. 9:1-27	Acts 21:37— 22:16
Saturday, July 26	Psalm 69:30-35	1 Sam. 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JULY 20, 2025

Theme: Mary and Martha represent the Church, now and forever.

Hymn: 644, “The Church’s One Foundation”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 18:1–10: Abraham and Sarah worship and show hospitality to the Lord in the form of three visiting men.

Colossians 1:21–29: St. Paul instructs the Church to guard the faith through every persecution, embracing even the sufferings that we endure as if they were one with the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings of Christ Himself, that we might receive the hope of glory.

Luke 10:38–42: Christ enters into the house of Mary and Martha, where Mary rests and receives the eternal words of our Lord, while Martha busies herself with temporal matters.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Matthew 16:19: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.”

THE CATECHISM: OFFICE OF THE KEYS (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.)

Where is this written? This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:

The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:22-23).

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 27 (ESV)

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

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 27¹:

Lord, our God, You are merciful and kind, true and faithful. Preserve us in Your Word, and guard Your Church against all oppressors and faithless leaders, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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: *Ben, Natalie, & JT Rudsenske* and their loved ones

The Family of Richard Brownstein, Nathan's father, who has entered eternal rest

Barbara Lehman, Sister Sara's aunt, who has been diagnosed with cancer

David Moody, friend of the Kettlers, 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.