



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10 through August 16, 2025*

We think wrongly when we believe that ‘faith’ is some sort of personal possession that we have, that we own, that we can have more of or less of, that we can gain and lose. Rather, the Faith is something that is given to us, or rather, we are brought into it. Whether or not we question it, hold fast to it, let go of it, it is nonetheless always there, for the Faith is nothing but the unchangeable will of God which He has promised to fulfill the for the good of His creation.

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, August 10	Psalm 14	1 Sam. 25:23-44	1 Cor. 4:1-21
Monday, August 11	Psalm 51:10-13	1 Sam. 26:1-25	1 Cor. 5:1-13
Tuesday, August 12	Psalm 99:1-5	1 Sam. 28:3-25	1 Cor. 6:1-20
Wednesday, August 13	Psalm 68:1-6	1 Sam. 31:1-13	1 Cor. 7:1-24
Thursday, August 14	Psalm 33:13-21	2 Sam. 1:1-27	1 Cor. 7:25-40
Friday, August 15	Psalm 132:11-18	2 Sam. 5:1-25	1 Cor. 8:1-13
Saturday, August 16	Psalm 11	2 Sam. 6:1-19	1 Cor. 9:1-23

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 10, 2025

Theme: The Faith is nothing other than God’s promises, which He shall keep, apart from any work of man.

Hymn: 719, “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 15:1–6: God promises to Abram an heir, that his servant Eliazar should not inherit his house.

Hebrews 11:1–16: The author of Hebrews describes those who have lived within the faith, trusting that God would accomplish all that He has promised, even though none of them would see those promises fulfilled. Such is life within the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith.

Luke 12:22–34: Our Lord teaches us not to be anxious, but to trust in our Father who loves us, and who will surely provide for us all that we need, even as He ever provides for the existence of all that He has created.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

1 Corinthians 10:16: “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”

THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR 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 the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 33:12-22 (ESV)

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

- ¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;
- ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.
- ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- ¹⁹that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
- ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 33¹:

We thank You, Lord, for all the good that You have shown us from the days of our childhood. Continue to multiply Your mercies upon us, keep us in Your fear and favor, cause us to walk in Your praise, protect us from all enemies, both visible and invisible, and grant us, like Simeon of old, to depart in peace, through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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: *Bobby & Eloise Springer* and their loved ones

Students, Teachers, and Parents, as they begin the new school year

Natalie Rudsenske, who continues to recover from a broken arm

Nicole Tatum, Nancy's daughter-in-law, who is undergoing cancer treatment

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.