



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24 through August 30, 2025*

Whenever we hear about hell, we become worried, either for ourselves, or worried for our neighbor. Yet more often we are worried on behalf of God, that He will not be as merciful as we hope He will be. Yet Christ does not teach us about hell to worry us, nor to threaten us, but to magnify His desire for us, how much He desires us to be in His kingdom, for compared to infinite pleasures He has prepared for us in His kingdom, all of life would seem a hell.

### **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 24	Psalm 27:1, 7-11	1 Kings 5:1-18	2 Cor. 1:23-2:17
Monday, August 25	Psalm 32:1-7	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Cor. 3:1-18
Tuesday, August 26	Psalm 36:7-12	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Cor. 4:1-18
Wednesday, August 27	Psalm 72:1-7	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Cor. 5:1-21
Thursday, August 28	Psalm 48:1-8	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Cor. 6:1-18
Friday, August 29	Psalm 17:6-14	1 Kings 11:42—12:19	2 Cor. 7:1-16
Saturday, August 30	Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11	1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33	2 Cor. 8:1-24

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – AUGUST 24, 2025

**Theme:** The Lord seeks each of us individually, that we may be with Him in His Kingdom.

**Hymn:** 510, “A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 66:18–23:** The prophet Isaiah speaks of the final redemption of all flesh, when all those who have been saved shall worship God.

**Hebrews 12:4–24:** The author of Hebrews declares the baptized to be sons of God, who are disciplined and taught by Him. He therefore encourages us to be not apathetic, but to race toward the true Zion, which is the body and blood of Christ upon the altar.

**Luke 13:22–30:** The Lord asks us not to worry about the salvation of others, but to think of our own, and to seek Him. It is not ours to judge, but ours to seek the Almighty.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Matthew 26:28:** “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR 3**

*(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 benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation.

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 50:1-15 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! <sup>7</sup>"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. <sup>8</sup>Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. <sup>9</sup>I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. <sup>10</sup>For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. <sup>11</sup>I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. <sup>12</sup>"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. <sup>13</sup>Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? <sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, <sup>15</sup>and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 50<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord, our Savior, enlighten our eyes to know all Your mercies, and create in us such hearts that may be truly grateful to You. Forgive us our sins for the sake of the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross. Enlarge our hearts to walk in the way of Your Commandments, and to pay to You the sacred vow made in Holy Baptism. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: *Nancy Tatum* and her loved ones

*Phillip Cameron*, friend of the Martins, who recently survived a heart attack

*The Family of June Clement*, Nancy Teal's in-law, who has entered eternal rest

*Mary Jane Dearman*, Nancy Teal's friend, who is in rehab

## **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.