



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 7 through September 13, 2025*

The martyrs of the church fill our minds and our history, and more are being minted every day. For ultimately Christ does not call us to die for the sake of death, but the wicked will demand the death of the justified. In that moment, even those dearest to us will beg us to save our lives, but this is not what Christ asks. Rather, He would have us know that to confess His name is to be willing to join our blood to His by the grace of His Father.

### **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, Sept. 7	Psalm 131	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Eph. 6:1-24
Monday, Sept. 8	Psalm 71:12-16	2 Kings 5:9-27	Phil. 1:1-20
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Psalm 61	2 Kings 6:1-23	Phil. 1:21-2:11
Wednesday, Sept. 10	Psalm 58:1-8	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Phil. 2:12-30
Thursday, Sept. 11	Psalm 44:1-8	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
Friday, Sept. 12	Psalm 94:12-15	2 Chron. 31:1-21	Phil. 4:1-23
Saturday, Sept. 13	Psalm 27:7-13	2 Chron. 32:1-22	Col. 1:1-23

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**Theme:** To confess the name of Christ is always an act of martyrdom, either in preparation, or in completion.

**Hymn:** 424, “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

### Summary of Readings:

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20:** Speaking to His rescued and redeemed people, God says, “I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.” God has given us life, but we can always go the way of death by rejecting His gifts and turning from the life He gives.

**Philemon 1-21:** Paul, acting by the authority of Christ, gives Onesimus new life, paying his debt and restoring him to his vocation and his household where he may live and serve by faith.

**Luke 14:25-35:** New life in Christ requires obedience to His Word over above any allegiance to the things of this world, even to our own family and life. We must renounce all that remains of our sinful nature to follow Jesus in the way of repentance that leads to eternal life.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Luke 1:45:** “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR 5**

*(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.)*

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 1 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

O God, thanks and praise belong to You because You have given us Your Holy Word. Enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit to understand Your counsel of grace in Jesus Christ, to love Your Word, and to take delight in learning Your statutes and walking in Your Law. Bestow Your blessing and prosperity on the works of our hands in our Christian calling and all our conversation. Amen.

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

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, 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: *Yvonne Townes* and her loved ones

*Alex Kates*, the Atchleys' grandson, who is ill

*John Weidner*, who has recently undergone some medical procedures

*Victims of the Annunciation Catholic School shooting*

## **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.