



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21 through September 27, 2025*

The Lord preaches a strange parable about a man who seems to defraud his master in order to gain friends with money that is not his own. And even more strangely, the master seems to be happy about it. Yet once we understand the truth of the parable, we will understand what is asked of us, and what is accomplished in Christ.

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. 21	Psalm 55:12-19	Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Tim. 4:1-16
Monday, Sept. 22	Psalm 133	Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18	1 Tim. 5:1-16
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Psalm 51:5-13	Neh. 9:1-21	1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
Wednesday, Sept. 24	Psalm 123	Neh. 9:22-38	1 Tim 6:3-21
Thursday, Sept. 25	Psalm 51:5-13	Mal. 1:1-14	Matt. 3:1-17
Friday, Sept. 26	Psalm 16	Mal. 2:1-3:5	Matt. 4:1-11
Saturday, Sept. 27	Psalm 91:9-16	Mal. 3:6-4:6	Matt. 4:12-25

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Theme: It is through the forgiveness of debt that the master’s servant gains a home.

Hymn: 730, “What Is This World to Me”

Summary of Readings:

Amos 8:4-7: Those who “trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end” by serving themselves through dishonest gain will be condemned.

1 Timothy 2:1-15: St. Paul encourages us to pray for all people, for God desires ALL people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.

Luke 16:1-15: A dishonest manager being tossed into the street is understandable under the Law, but a Master who praises him for forgiving the debts of others reveals mind-boggling grace.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: “These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

THE CATECHISM: THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

(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 Second Commandment? **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 113 (ESV)

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

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 113¹:

Blessed be the Son of David, who came in the name of the Lord to establish a kingdom of grace on earth; who has also called us and has made us citizens of His kingdom, partakers of His grace. May He, our King, by His good Spirit so guide and govern us as to bring us out of this world, so full of sin, into that eternal kingdom wherein dwells righteousness. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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: *John & Celia Weidner* and their loved ones

Lynn McHan, friend of the Rudsenskies, who is recovering from a stroke

Nancy Jones, mother of Curt Dickens, who has cancer

Bob Pfaff, who is experiencing significant back pain

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.