



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
November 9 through November 15, 2025*

We all hate death. It is the end of everything we hold dear: joy, pleasure, accomplishment. The ancient Hebrews hated death too, but because in death there was no memory; no memory of friends and family, and no memory of God. But Christ teaches us what all the dead, even the smallest child who died young, is able to teach us: that to God, all those who have passed on are not dead, but alive. And not only are they alive, but they are more alive than they have ever been, dwelling forever in the presence of God. The joys of saints who have passed could be explained at length by an overly-educated theologian, but perhaps it is best understood by the little children who come to Jesus, those who have not lived long enough to forget anything, especially not God.

### **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, Nov. 9	Psalm 147:1-11	Jer. 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13
Monday, Nov. 10	Psalm 24	Jer. 23:1-20	Matt. 25:14-30
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Psalm 143:1-10	Jer. 23:21-40	Matt. 25:31-46
Wednesday, Nov. 12	Psalm 137	Jer. 25:1-18	Matt. 26:1-19
Thursday, Nov. 13	Psalm 116:12-19	Jer. 26:1-19	Matt. 26:20-35
Friday, Nov. 14	Psalm 53	Jer. 29:1-19	Matt. 26:36-56
Saturday, Nov. 15	Psalm 51:10-19	Jer. 30:1-24	Matt. 26:57-75

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 9, 2025

**Theme:** We wait for the fulfillment of the promise given by God, in season, and out, when it seems most likely, and when it seems least.

**Hymn:** 798, “The God of Abraham Praise”

### Summary of Readings:

**Exodus 3:1-15:** God speaks to Moses through the Burning Bush, commanding him to deliver the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.

**2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, 13-17:** St. Paul speaks of the coming of the Anti-Christ, and encourages the Church to remain strong in the faith, enduring all trials, for the sake of their sanctification.

**Luke 20:27-40:** The Lord is tested by the Sadducees about the Resurrection of the dead, which they do not believe in. Jesus responds that there is indeed a Resurrection of the dead, for God is God of the living, not the dead.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Hebrews 13:5:** “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 Ninth Commandment? **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 148 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! <sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children! <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 148<sup>1</sup>:**

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death; with songs and anthems I come before Him as long as He allows me breath. From Him my life and all things came; bless, O my soul, Him holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 797, st. 1)

## **COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:**

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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: *Wyatt Coté* and his loved ones

*The Family of Terry Daniels*, Glen Hansford's uncle, who has entered eternal rest

*The Green Family*, friends of the Gallarnos, whose grandson has entered eternal rest

*The Family of Walter House*, friend of Mark Ochs, who has entered eternal rest

## **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.