



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 23 through November 29, 2025*

We are all born into a world of sin and death, and this, one would think, would cause us to live a life of despair. Yet because of the salvation given to us by Christ's sacrifice, which we receive by the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, we rejoice in the salvation we know we have in Him.

### **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. 23	Psalm 39:4-12	Dan. 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
Monday, Nov. 24	Psalm 41:7-12	Dan. 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Psalm 48:9-14	Dan. 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
Wednesday, Nov. 26	Psalm 75	Dan 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
Thursday, Nov. 27	Psalm 66:16-19	Is. 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Friday, Nov. 28	Psalm 102:13-17	Is. 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
Saturday, Nov. 29	Psalm 118:19-24	Is. 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

**Theme:** We are carried out of this world of death to a paradise of life by Christ's sacrifice in our baptism.

**Hymn:** 387, "Joy to the World"

### Summary of Readings:

**Malachi 3:13–18:** God takes seriously the accusation against Him that He allows injustice in the world. Yet He responds with a promise, that we who are short-lived will—in the end of days—see that all things have been reckoned, and that justice shall reign.

**Colossians 1:13–20:** The Crucified Christ is described not only as our Lord and Savior, but as the central principle: the very purpose and end of all creation.

**Luke 23:27–43:** Christ speaks of the Last Times as He Himself goes to His own crucifixion, granting forgiveness to the one thief, even as the other mocked Him.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Romans 6:23:** "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## **THE CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS (PART 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 does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).*

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 46 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### **PRAYER ON PSALM 46<sup>1</sup>:**

Thanks be to You, our Father, for all the mercy and truth that You have shown to us these many years. Grant Your Word to dwell with us continually, defend Your Church against all her enemies, keep us in Your grace, and preserve for us temporal and eternal peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR:**

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father 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: *Joan Cowards* and her loved ones

*Rev. Jake Bennett*, new pastor of Peace Lutheran in Oxford, who was ordained yesterday

*Christy Chapman*, Will Pickering's aunt, who is being treated for breast cancer

*David Entrekin*, friend of Mark Ochs, who is ill

## **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.