



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The First Sunday of Advent
November 30 through December 6, 2025*

The season of Advent is named after the Latin word for ‘coming.’ Obviously, it refers to the coming of the Lord. Yet there are three ‘comings’ of which the Bible speaks. The most festive is His birth in the flesh that we celebrate on Christmas day. The second is His coming every Sunday to give us His body and blood for our salvation. Yet the ‘coming’ we read of in today’s reading is the Last Coming, when He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. He does not demand that we be sinless, or righteous, or perfect. Rather, Jesus asks us only to be ready, for to be always ready for His coming, and joyous to greet it, is faith, hope, and love fulfilled.

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. 30	Psalm 123	Is. 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
Monday, Dec. 1	Psalm 34:11-18	Is. 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-33
Tuesday, Dec. 2	Psalm 119:105-112	Is. 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19
Wednesday, Dec. 3	Psalm 55:16-23	Is. 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
Thursday, Dec. 4	Psalm 145:1-9	Is. 10:12-27, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
Friday, Dec. 5	Psalm 49:5-12, 15	Is. 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22
Saturday, Dec. 6	Psalm 56:1-2, 5-11, 13	Is. 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Theme: Let us ever be ready for the final coming of the Lord on the Last Day.

Hymn: 509, “Christ Is Surely Coming”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5: The people of God come to His mountain, to the house where the LORD locates Himself in order to hear His Word and walk in the light of His salvation.

Romans 13:11-14: St. Paul reminds us that salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, put on the armor of light, and walk as a new creation in Christ.

Matthew 24:36-44: The Lord speaks of His Second Coming, and commands all the faithful to be prepared, and to not grow weary with waiting.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Galatians 3:13: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.’”

THE CATECHISM: THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS (PART 2)

(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 this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.

Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 122 (ESV)

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

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³Jerusalem- built as a city that is bound firmly together,

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"

⁷Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

⁸For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

PRAYER ON PSALM 122¹:

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice before You, Lord, our God, because by Your Word of truth You have made us members of Your Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive the sins of all those who build their trust on Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to abide in the love of Your Word, in purity of faith and in piety of life, even to our end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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: *Curt & Lesley Dickens* and their loved ones

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

Angelia Hall, friend of Nathan Brownstein, who is suffering from heart problems

Crystal Weidner, the Weidners' granddaughter, who is recovering from surgery

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.