



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14 through December 20, 2025*

The Lord is coming in vengeance, but not as many would expect it. He comes not to destroy the oppression of man over man, as the Jews had hoped, to destroy the oppression of the devil over humanity. It is against this oppressor, Satan, that the Lord reveals his wrath, not in glory and power, but hidden in lowliness and humility.

### **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

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|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday, Dec. 14    | Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 11-14 | Is. 30:15-26            | Rev. 2:1-29 |
| Monday Dec. 15     | Psalm 146:1-7          | Is. 30:27—31:9          | Rev. 3:1-22 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 16   | Psalm 149              | Is. 32:1-20             | Rev. 4:1-11 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 17 | Psalm 40:1-5, 16-17    | Is. 33:1-24             | Rev. 5:1-14 |
| Thursday, Dec. 18  | Psalm 119:81-88        | Is. 34:1-2, 8—<br>35:10 | Rev. 6:1-17 |
| Friday, Dec. 19    | Psalm 103:11-18        | Is. 40:1-17             | Rev. 7:1-17 |
| Saturday, Dec. 20  | Psalm 119:25-32        | Is. 40:18—41:10         | Rev. 8:1-13 |

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – DECEMBER 14, 2025

**Theme:** Christ comes bringing the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of forgiveness and peace, which shall have no end.

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**Hymn:** 348, “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 35:1-10:** In the coming of the Messiah who gives sight to the blind and restores life in the wilderness, all sorrow and sighing shall flee away, and we shall return to paradise with singing and everlasting joy.

**James 5:7-11:** Until that Day when our Lord returns and raises us to the glorious fulfillment of His promises, James encourages us to remain patient and steadfast in the faith that trusts in Him.

**Matthew 11:2-15:** Surrounded by sin and death in prison, John returns to the source of His hope and joy, clinging to the Word of our Lord and His promises in every time of need.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Psalm 139:13-14:** “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE'S CREED: FIRST ARTICLE (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 (continued)?*

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 146 (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, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

### **PRAYER ON PSALM 146<sup>1</sup>:**

Many times have You, O Lord, our God, been our help in the time of need. Many times You have guarded us in danger and kept us from evil. Thanks and praise to You for Your merciful kindness. Withdraw not Your hand from us because of our sins, but remember Your great mercy, and let Your grace and help be with us at all times, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; 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: *Cecelia Dorsey* and her loved ones  
*Sabrina Goodlett*, who has retired from nursing  
*Jim Hansford*, Glen's father, who is seriously ill  
*Joseph Holleman*, the Weidners' nephew, 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.