



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 5 through April 11, 2026*

In His incarnation, Christ took on the whole story of humanity, humanity as God created him in the beginning, humanity as He became in sin, and Humanity as He was meant to be. Now, through the Resurrection, He has taken our story, and has transformed it into His own, for because He has died to sin and now lives and reigns to all eternity, so too will this world pass away before us, but we will live forever in and with 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

Easter Sunday	Psalm 96:1-3, 6, 11-13	Ex. 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23-8:13
Monday, April 6	Psalm 13	Ex. 15:1-18	Heb. 9:1-28
Tuesday, April 7	Psalm 81:1-7	Ex. 15:19-16:12	Heb. 10:1-18
Wednesday, April 8	Psalm 134	Ex. 16:13-35	Heb. 10:19-39
Thursday, April 9	Psalm 114	Ex. 17:1-16	Heb. 11:1-29
Friday, April 10	Psalm 145:1-9	Ex. 18:5-27	Heb. 12:1-24
Saturday, April 11	Psalm 30:3-12	Ex. 19:1-25	Heb. 13:1-21

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 5, 2026

Theme: Christ gives the glory of the Resurrection to mankind, for He took our humanity onto himself.

Hymn: 467, “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Summary of Readings:

Jeremiah 31:1-4: God promises to rebuild His people Israel out of steadfast love for them. He will give them the rest they long for.

Colossians 3:1-4: If through Holy Baptism you have been raised with Christ, then set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For when Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Matthew 28:1-10: Seeking Jesus in the place of the dead, Mary and Mary are the first to hear the message of the angels, “He is not here, for He has risen.” He is risen indeed, for as the women continue on their way, Jesus comes to them in flesh and blood and speaks His marvelous Word: “Do not be afraid.”

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

2 Thessalonians 3:3: “The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SEVENTH PETITION

(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.)

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 16 (ESV)

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

⁹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. ¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 16¹:

Thanks be unto You, Lord Jesus, for Your bitter sufferings, Your shameful death, and Your joyous resurrection. Enlighten our eyes to see in You the way unto life. Uphold us by Your truth, so we may not fall into idolatry and false worship, and preserve us in the true faith unto eternal life. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, 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: *Joshua & Rachel Landrum* and their loved ones

Jordan Forney, friend of the Hansfords, who is receiving cancer treatment

Roger Lindsey, former member of this congregation, who is recovering

Jada Pippin, young daughter of the Hansfords' friends, who may have cancer

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.