



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19 – April 26, 2026

Two men are walking on the road to Emmaus. They are downcast, for terrible things have happened in Jerusalem, for the one they had thought was the Messiah had been murdered. Yet in the midst of their despair, Christ comes to them, and opens to them the Scriptures. It could not have been otherwise, for Christ dwells in the darkness of our lives, and wherever we are, He draws near to us, even as He does during every Liturgy when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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

Sunday, April 19	Psalm 119:49-56	Ex. 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Monday, April 20	Psalm 80:1-7	Ex. 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tuesday, April 21	Psalm 86:11-17	Ex. 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wednesday, April 22	Psalm 84:1-4	Ex. 34:29—35:21	Luke 7:36-50
Thursday, April 23	Psalm 119:145-152	Ex. 38:21—39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Friday, April 24	Psalm 107:23-32	Ex. 39:32—40:16	Luke 8:22-39
Saturday, April 25	Psalm 41:1-3, 11-13	Ex. 40:17-38	Luke 8:40-56

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – APRIL 19, 2026

Theme: Christ is faithful, when we are faithful, and He is present when we feel most His absence, for Who He is depends nothing upon what we are.

Hymn: 476, “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

Summary of Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36–41: St. Peter preaches to those of Judea the Gospel, and baptizes many.

1 Peter 1:17–25: St. Peter encourages us to purify our souls, knowing that we have been bought and purified by Christ’s own blood, something much more precious than anything we can imagine.

Luke 24:13–35: The Lord travels with those on the road to Emmaus, and reveals Himself to them in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

John 3:5: “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

THE CATECHISM — THE LORD’S PRAYER: CONCLUSION

(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 Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 116:1-14 (ESV)

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

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" ⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. ⁶The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. ⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. ⁸For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; ⁹I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted"; ¹¹I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars." ¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

LUTHER’S PREFACE TO PSALM 116¹:

We give thanks to You, our God, who has hitherto graciously and mightily helped us in all our needs. Be our refuge and our help, and when our last day comes, grant that we fall asleep commending our souls into the hands of Your Son, Jesus Christ, confident that through His name our death is precious in Your sight. Amen

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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: *Michael & Layné Martin* and their loved ones

The Artemis Astronauts, who have arrived safely home

Bill Little, friend of Mark Ochs, who is in the hospital with a fractured hip

Austin & Shelby Randall, friends of Keith & Anita Martin, whose newborn died of an undiagnosed heart defect

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING 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.