



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10 – May 16, 2026

Oftentimes we Christians in America bewail the death of religion in America, fearing that we are becoming a godless people. But this is not entirely true. We are indeed becoming a people outside the Church, but we have many gods, for we make all things that we fear and love into an idol, that we may trust in them. Yet Christ has come to us, to give us His Spirit, that we may no longer seek after created things to trust in, but might be united to the true God, in whom we *live and move and have our being*.

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, May 10	Psalm 135:13-21	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25—15:10
Monday, May 11	Psalm 103:6-14	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tuesday, May 12	Psalm 66	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wednesday, May 13	Psalm 62:5-10	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday, May 14	Psalm 130	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Friday, May 15	Psalm 77:11-15	Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
Saturday, May 16	Psalm 119:97-104	Num. 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MAY 3, 2026

Theme: St. Paul teaches us that we are no longer to be bound to the idols, but be united to Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Hymn: 834, “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

Summary of Readings:

Acts 17:16–31: St. Paul preaches Christ to the Athenians at the Areopagus, revealing to them to ‘unknown god.’

1 Peter 3:13–22: Being fortified by the knowledge of the victory of Christ over death and hell, St. Peter teaches the Church to endure all suffering and persecution with equanimity.

John 14:15–21: Christ promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the revelation of the Father in Himself.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Acts 2:38-39: “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children.”

THE CATECHISM — THE LORD’S PRAYER: BAPTISM (PT. 4)

(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.)

Titus 3:5-8: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 66:8-20 (ESV)

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

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; ¹²you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, ¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. ¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

LUTHER’S PREFACE TO PSALM 66¹:

Thanks and praise be unto You, God of all grace, because You have delivered our souls from the bondage of Satan, and have saved us through the Red Sea of the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Cleanse us evermore with His blood that, with all Your saints, we may continually praise You. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 & Sarah McKeown* and their loved ones

Faye Hartman, Nancy Teal's sister, who was in the hospital

The Koster Family, Mary Atchley's relatives, as her sister-in-law has been moved to memory care

Olivia McKay, friend of the Helds, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer

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.