



Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13 – September 19, 2026

St. Peter has learned that him who is greatest in the Church is him who forgives. Yet it is no easy thing to forgive, and if we are honest, it is impossible for man to forgive the endless sum of sins and offenses that he witnesses and endures. Yet it is no man who is the greatest in the Church, but Christ Himself; Him who suffers all sins, and forgives all offenses.

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, Sept. 13	Psalm 27:7-13	2 Chron. 32:1-22	Col. 1:1-23
Monday, Sept. 14	Psalm 38:6-16	2 Chron. 33:1-25	Col. 1:24-2:7
Tuesday, Sept. 15	Psalm 1	2 Chron. 34: 1-33	Col. 2:8-23
Wed., Sept. 16	Psalm 108:1-6	2 Chron. 35:1-25	Col. 3:1-25
Thursday, Sept. 17	Psalm 130	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Col. 4:1-18
Friday, Sept. 18	Psalm 118:5-14	Neh. 1:1-2:10	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Saturday, Sept. 19	Psalm 136:1-9	Neh. 2:11-10; 4:1-6	1 Tim. 2:1-15

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Theme: It is Christ who rules His Church through the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn: 843, ““Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive””

Summary of Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21: Joseph holds not the evil of his brethren against them, but forgives them, understanding that only God sits in the seat of judgment.

Romans 14:1-12: We should do all things unto the glory and praise of the name of the Lord. Whatever we do in thankfulness to God is good, as long as it be done in thankfulness, and whatever another does or does not do in thankfulness to God is good, as long as it is done in thankfulness. Thus we are not to judge the disciplines and practices of another, as long as they proceed from a true faith and thankful heart.

Matthew 18:21–35: Our Lord tells the parable of the unforgiving servant, who himself was forgiven a massive debt by his master, but will not forgive a petty debt to a friend.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Romans 13:10: “Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

THE CATECHISM — THE 5TH COMMANDMENT

(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 the Fifth Commandment? You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 103:1-12 (ESV)

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

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 103¹:

Father of light, we praise You because You forgive iniquity and do not reward us according to our sins. What You promised to the fathers You have fulfilled in Your Son. As the east and the west can never come together, so remove our sins far from us, that they can be accounted to us no more, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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: *John & Jo Rudsenske* and their loved ones

Krista Hansford, who is recovering from a health scare

Linda Kirtley, who is recovering from a broken ankle

The Family of Mark Weddle, Sister Sara's friend, who has entered eternal rest

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.