Living from the Liturgy

A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

The Feast of All Saints
November 1 – November 7, 2026

Christianity is a religion of death, and a religion for only the dead, for it knows no adherent that has not first died. The example of the saints sets this before us, that we celebrate the day of their 'birth' in the Church on the day of their death. Yet we, too, are numbered among the saints. We would be wrong to say that somehow we are called saints, even though we are yet to have died, for all who have been baptized have died to sin, and have been raised to life in God.

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, Nov. 1	Psalm 150	Deut. 34:1-12	Matt. 21:1-22
Monday, Nov. 2	Psalm 118:22-24	Jer. 1:1-19	Matt. 21:23-46
Tuesday, Nov. 3	Psalm 15	Jer. 3:6-4:2	Matt. 22:1-22
Wednesday, Nov. 4	Psalm 110	Jer. 5:1-19	Matt. 22:23-46
Thursday, Nov. 5	Psalm 38:9-22	Jer. 7:1-29	Matt. 23:1-12
Friday, Nov. 6	Psalm 118:25-29	Jer. 8:18-9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
Saturday, Nov. 7	Psalm 121	Jer. 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Theme: Christianity is the Gospel of resurrection to those who have died. Therefore, one must first die in baptism to be a Christian.

Hymn: 677, "For All the Saints"

Summary of Readings:

Revelation 7:9–17: The souls of all the baptized are gathered beneath the altar of heaven, there to pray for us who struggle on earth, and there to be consoled by the gracious words of God.

1 John 3:1–3: St. John teaches that all who have entered God's Church and trusted in His name have been purified and have become God's children.

Matthew. 5:1–12: Jesus speaks of the blessedness of all who hold fast to His name, regardless of all the sufferings of this life.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Galatians 3:13: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.'"

THE CATECHISM — THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS

(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? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 149 (ESV)

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

[1]Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! [2]Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! [3]Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! [4]For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. [5]Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. [6]Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, [7]to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, [8]to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, [9]to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 149[1]:

Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to You, O Christ, King of glory, because by suffering and death and the shedding of Your blood You redeemed us from the kingdom of darkness, and made us partakers of Your victory over Satan, sin, and death. Grant us a cheerful faith to sing of Your grace with heart and soul and to make known Your salvation among men. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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[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: *Yvonne Townes* and her loved ones

Bob Pedersen, who is being treated for small lymphocytic lymphoma

Helen Smith, Daryl's mother, who is recovering from pneumonia

Cynthia Widlitze, Sabrina Goodlett's sister, who is preparing for heart surgery

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.