



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Transfiguration  
February 14 through February 20, 2021*

What is the ‘glory of God’? This can be answered in many ways, but on this Sunday of the Transfiguration, we are forced to determine: is this Jesus, shining in brightness and power displaying the glory of God? Or is what He is displaying but the shadow of His true glory that is to come? Indeed, His true glory has not yet come, and this great miracle is but a shadow, for His glory is known in the cross, even as our only Christian glory is known not in our successes, nor in the depth of our faith, nor in personal religious experiences, but in suffering.

### **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

Sunday, Feb. 14	Psalm 119:153-160	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
Monday, Feb. 15	Psalm 57:1-5, 8-10	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Psalm 37:25-29	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21
Thursday, Feb. 18	Psalm 105:1, 23, 37-43	Job 13:13-28	John 6:22-40
Friday, Feb. 19	Psalm 53	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
Saturday, Feb. 20	Psalm 16:1, 4-6, 9-11	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 14, 2021

**Theme:** The glory of the Lord is known not in His power, but in His humility.

**Hymn:** 413, “O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”

### Summary of Readings:

**Exodus 34:29-35:** Moses descends from the Mount to speak to the people after having received the commands and statutes of God, but he must veil his face, that the people might not see the glory of God that shines therefrom.

**2 Corinthians 2:12-13; 4:1-6:** St. Paul describes the Gospel as a light which illumines our hearts. Such a light has been revealed to those who would believe, but to those who have sided with the devil, they will not receive such light, but only darkness.

**Mark 9:2-9:** Our Lord is transfigured in radiant light alongside Elijah and Moses, and the Saints Peter, James, and John, offer to build for them tents. Yet before any answer is given to them, a cloud descends upon the mountain of transfiguration, and Christ returns to His humiliated state.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Psalm 19:1:** “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament His handiwork.

## **THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE’S CREED: SECOND ARTICLE**

*(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?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 50:1-6 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup>Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup>He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup>“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!” <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

## **LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 50<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord, our Savior, enlighten our eyes to know all Your mercies, and create in us such hearts that may be truly grateful to You. Forgive us our sins for the sake of the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross. Enlarge our hearts to walk in the way of Your Commandments, and to pay to You the sacred vow made in Holy Baptism. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION:**

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> 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: *The Agent Family* and their loved ones

*Jerry Mutter*, who is nearing the end of his earthly sojourn

*Jon Sandberg*, Merina Hansen's brother, who is recovering from his second leg amputation

*Larry Taylor*, Natalie Rudsenske's uncle, who has been diagnosed with 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.