



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 16 through January 22, 2022*

Jesus gives as His first miracle the turning of water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Though this is perhaps Jesus' most humble miracle, it is considered by John the most important, for in it is given the substance of Christ's entire ministry: the joining of God and man in marriage on the third day, the day of our redemption. For in the Incarnation, there is a marriage between the divine nature and the human nature in the person of Jesus. Similarly, in the body and blood given for us in Christ's Passion, we are wedded to the Son of God as our bridegroom. Finally, in death, we will gather into the 'marriage feast which will have no end' and so forever be wedded to God in an unending and joyous 'day,' a morning which will never see night.

### **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, Jan. 16	Psalm 36:1-6, 10	Ezek. 38:1-23	Rom. 7:1-20
Monday, Jan. 17	Psalm 76:1-3, 6-6, 11-12	Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29	Rom. 7:21—8:17
Tuesday, Jan. 18	Psalm 44:1-3, 9-10, 20-23, 26	Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12	Rom. 8:18-39
Wednesday, Jan. 19	Psalm 15	Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29	Rom. 9:1-18
Thursday, Jan. 20	Psalm 117	Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23	Rom. 9:19-33
Friday, Jan. 21	Psalm 20	Joel 1:1-20	Rom 10:1-21
Saturday, Jan. 22	Psalm 69:19-23, 32-33	Joel 2:1-17	Rom. 11:1-24

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JANUARY 16, 2022

**Theme:** Mankind is married to God through the wine of Christ’s blood, shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins, and for our unending joy.

**Hymn:** 636, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 62:1-15:** God pledges to redeem Israel and marry her to himself, prospering her forever, and bringing her forth in righteousness.

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11:** Paul teaches that the primary gift of the Spirit is that we, the baptized, are able to pronounce in truth that ‘Jesus is Lord.’ Yet besides this greatest gift, there are other gifts given to some for the sake of the Church, that she might always be instructed and never die.

**John 2:1-11:** Jesus turns water into wine at wedding in the town of Cana, thus initiating His earthly ministry by this sign, which designates His entire ministry as the fulfillment of His betrothal to Israel.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Mark 10:7-9:** “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man tear asunder.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND PETITION II**

*(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.)*

### **Thy kingdom come.**

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 128 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 128<sup>1</sup>:**

Thanks be to You, our God, for instituting the holy estate of matrimony and preserving it for so many ages against the assaults of that apostate spirit which is an enemy of all that is pure and godly. Make every house Your temple. Fashion the hearts of husband and wife to love children, and cause both parents and children to walk in the faith of Your Son, and be saved. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *Laura Rawson* and her loved ones

*Brian Atchley*, Gary and Mary's son, who is to be married this week

*Richard Bradley*, Mimi's husband, who has cancer

*Michelle Fowler*, Bill Cookston's daughter, who has Parkinson's disease

## **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.