



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 19 through February 25, 2023*

St. Peter, St. James, and St. John are led up Mt. Tabor to pray with Christ. And in their presence, Christ was transfigured before them in glory, along with the prophets Moses and Elijah. Yet He was not transfigured merely because He is divine, but to reveal to us the glory to which we have been baptized into.

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. 19	Psalm 53	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
Monday, Feb. 20	Psalm 16:1, 4-6, 9-11	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Psalm 84:1-4, 8-12	Job 16:1-22	John 7:1-13
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Psalm 25:15-22	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31
Thursday, Feb. 23	Psalm 42:1-6, 9-11	Job 18:1-21	John 7:32-53
Friday, Feb. 24	Psalm 30:1-5, 8-12	Job 19:1-12, 21-27	John 8:1-20
Saturday, Feb. 25	Psalm 112	Job 20:1-23, 29	John 8:21-38

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Theme: That which Christ has revealed Himself to be, we shall become through participation in His divine nature through our baptism and the Word of God.

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

Summary of Readings:

Exodus 24:8–18: Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to behold the glory of the Lord, and there he dwelt for forty days.

2 Peter 1:16–21: St. Peter relates the narrative of his observation of the Transfiguration, and affirms the inerrancy of Scripture.

Matthew 17:1–9: Christ is Transfigured upon Mt. Tabor, and St. Peter offers the Lord, as well as Elijah and Moses tents to rest in; but they vanish, and only Christ remains.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

Hebrews 1:1-2: “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”

THE CATECHISM: CONFESSION (PART 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.)

What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these? Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments:

Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 2:6-12 (ESV)

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

⁶"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 2¹:

Thanks be unto You, O Lord Jesus Christ, because You were once dead, and by Your blood redeemed us from sin and everlasting torment. We desire to serve You all the days of our life. Preserve us in the midst of so many enemies, and by Your mighty hand preserve us for Your eternal kingdom! Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD:

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 of 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.

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: *Bob & Gloria Pedersen* and their loved ones

Greg Goldman, who is anticipating a bone marrow transplant

Richard Norton, friend of Barbara Glenn, who is in ICU

Sheryl Smiley, Eloise Springer's niece, who is ill

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.