



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Transfiguration
February 11 through February 17, 2024*

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. 11	Psalm 147:1-3, 6-11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
Monday, Feb. 12	Psalm 71:1-6, 17-18	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Psalm 95:1-7a	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Psalm 119:153-160	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
Thursday, Feb. 15	Psalm 57:1-5, 8-10	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29
Friday, Feb. 16	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Job 12:1-6, 12-25	John 5:30-47
Saturday, Feb. 17	Psalm 37:25-29	Job 13:1-12	John 6:1-21

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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 FIFTH AND SIXTH 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 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.

*What is the Sixth Commandment? **You shall not commit adultery.***

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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:

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

LUTHER’S PRAYER ON PSALM 50¹:

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.

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: *Joshua & Sarah McKeown* and their loved ones

The Eric Rudenske Family, as James Luther was born at the end of January

Denee Smith, who sprained her ankle

Sherri Smith, who was hospitalized this week

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.