



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord  
January 12 through January 18, 2025*

Our Lord is baptized by St. John in the river Jordan, and there He is publicly declared to be the Son of God. It is here that the Father gives Him His divine mission, to undo the works of the devil, and to redeem mankind from the power of sin and Satan.

### **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. 12	Psalm 63:3-11	Ezek. 34:1-24	Rom. 3:19-31
Monday, Jan. 13	Psalm 32:1-7	Ezek. 36:13-28	Rom. 4:1-25
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Psalm 104:27-30	Ezek. 36:33— 37:14	Rom 5:1-21
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Psalm 29:1-4a, 8-11	Ezek. 37:15-28	Rom. 6:1-23
Thursday, Jan. 16	Psalm 36:1-6, 10	Ezek. 38:1-23	Rom. 7:1-20
Friday, Jan. 17	Psalm 76:1-3, 6-6, 11- 12	Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29	Rom. 7:21—8:17
Saturday, Jan. 18	Psalm 44:1-3, 9-10, 20-23, 26	Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12	Rom. 8:18-39

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – JANUARY 12, 2025

**Theme:** Christ is baptized into our humanity, that as Man, He might undo the works of the devil.

**Hymn:** 405, “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

### Summary of Readings:

**Isaiah 43:1–7:** God shows His love and faithfulness to His people, and promises them deliverance.

**Romans 6:1–11:** St. Paul teaches that by baptism we are saved—it being both our union with Christ’s death and our resurrection in Him.

**Luke 3:15–22:** Christ is baptized by St. John in the Jordan, whereafter John is imprisoned by Herod the Tetrarch.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Genesis 3:15:** “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE APOSTLE'S CREED: SECOND ARTICLE (PART 1)**

*(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.)*

*The Second Article: Redemption*

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

### **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 29 (ESV)**

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

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 29<sup>1</sup>:**

Thanks and praise be unto You, our God and Lord, for sending us the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in which You teach us the way of salvation and comfort us with the hope of everlasting life. Make Your Word in us a power of salvation, and the anchor of our souls in life and death. Cause also the voice of Your Word to be sounded abroad, that the nations that do not know You may come to Your light. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD:**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 Held Family* and their loved ones

*Erik Ankerberg*, friend of the Martins, who has difficult decisions before him

*David Cox*, friend of Mark Ochs, who is on hospice

*Elmer Held*, Eric's father, who is hospitalized

## **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.