



A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9 through February 15, 2025*

In the miracle of the great catch of fish, our Lord not only displays for our edification His divine power, but teaches His holy people about the nature of the Church, that it dwells in the darkness and division of this world, that it draws sinful men into the safety of its ark, and that within this ark, God Himself dwells bodily in the person of Jesus Christ, who gives the fullness of Himself to the baptized upon every Christian altar at every Eucharist.

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. 9	Psalm 23:1-5	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
Monday, Feb. 10	Psalm 38:1-3, 6, 9-11, 21-22	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22—4:6
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Psalm 147:1-3, 6-11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
Wednesday, Feb. 12	Psalm 71:1-6, 17-18	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
Thursday, Feb. 13	Psalm 95:1-7a	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
Friday, Feb. 14	Psalm 119:153-160	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18
Saturday, Feb. 15	Psalm 57:1-5, 8-10	Job 11:1-20	John 5:19-29

A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Theme: Within the Church Christ reigns, and through His servants the Gospel is preached to all nations.

Hymn: 659, “Lord of Our Life”

Summary of Readings:

Isaiah 6:1–8: The prophet Isaiah is given a vision of the heavenly liturgy, and is chosen to speak God’s word to Israel.

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20: St. Paul encourages the Church to do all that it does for the edification and the building up of its members, and not out of pride or selfishness.

Luke 5:1–11: Our Lord, having taught the people, causes the miracle of the great catch of fish, and then calls Peter to follow Him as a disciple and apostle.

MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

1 John 3:1: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: INTRODUCTION

(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.)

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 138 (ESV)

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

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 138¹:

Renewed thanks do we return unto You, O Father of mercy, for all Your loving-kindness toward us; and chiefly, because You have called us into the kingdom of Your Son, our Savior. Cleanse us from sin by His blood, and remember not our transgressions against us. Do not forsake the work of Your own hands that, delivered from our enemies, we may evermore praise You. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: *The Kettler Family* and their loved ones

Betty Harbor, Jo Rudsenske's stepmother, who is suffering from dementia

The Family of Steve Lunsford, relative of the Hansfords, who has entered eternal rest

Brelon Starnes, Gloria Pedersen's cousin, who is in the hospital

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.