



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord  
March 2 through March 8, 2025*

In His Transfiguration, Our Lord reveals Himself to our mortal minds in the fullness of who He is. Though man, yet He shines with divine glory, being Himself man assumed into the Godhead. There He speaks with Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, who spoke of Him; and He speaks of His 'exodus' for in dying for the sins of the world, and leading the redeemed into the heavenly mansions, He shall accomplish in truth what Moses did in shadow.

### **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, March 2	Psalm 116:1-9	Job 33:19—34:9	John 11:1-16
Monday, March 3	Psalm 116:12-19	Job 34:10-33	John 11:17-37
Tuesday, March 4	Psalm 2:1-6, 10-12	Job 36:1-21	John 11:38-57
Ash Wednesday	Psalm 136:1-9	Gen. 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
Thursday, March 6	Psalm 8:1-6, 9	Gen. 1:20—2:3	Mark 1:14-28
Friday, March 7	Psalm 9:1-8	Gen. 2:4-25	Mark 1:29-45
Saturday, March 8	Psalm 12:1-6	Gen. 3:1-24	Mark 2:1-17

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – MARCH 2, 2025

**Theme:** In His Transfiguration, Christ shows us who He truly is, and what He has come to fulfill.

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

### Summary of Readings:

**Deuteronomy 34:1–12:** The death of the greatest of the prophets, Moses, is described, and Joshua takes charge of the Israelites.

**Hebrews 3:1–6:** The author of Hebrews shows Christ as the true and greater Moses, for Moses did what it was that God had prepared for him to do, but Christ does the will of His Father for the salvation of all mankind. Therefore, let us hold fast to our faith in Christ, and we shall be saved, even as the Hebrews were saved by Moses.

**Luke 9:28–36:** Our Lord Christ is transfigured into an indescribable radiance, and He converses with Moses and Elijah about His coming Passion. The Father, again, declares him His Chosen One.

### MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN BY HEART:

**Colossians 1:13-14:** “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

## **THE CATECHISM: THE LORD'S PRAYER: SECOND PETITION (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.)*

### **Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

## **PSALM OF THE WEEK: PSALM 99 (ESV)**

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! <sup>4</sup>The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. <sup>5</sup>Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! <sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them. <sup>7</sup>In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. <sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. <sup>9</sup>Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

## **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 99<sup>1</sup>:**

Lord Jesus, be our Guide and our Defense in this evil world, that we may never be ashamed to confess You before men, but may serve You in holy conversation and constant fidelity. Restrain the evil counsels of those who set themselves against You and Your Church, and cause them to see the evil of their ways, that they may be turned to You. 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.

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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: *Michael & Layné Martin* and their loved ones

*Donna Carson*, Gloria Pedersen's cousin, who will be undergoing heart surgery

*The Family of Jerry Roan*, friend of Mark Ochs, who has entered eternal rest

*Denee Smith*, who will be having surgery on her hand 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.