



## A Guide for your Christian Life between Sundays

*The Feast of the Purification of Mary  
& Presentation of Our Lord  
February 8 through February 14, 2026*

Hannah, who was once barren, is given a son by the will of God. Yet she must give her son up to God, for all the firstborn sons of the people of Israel belong to the Lord. Indeed all that open the womb must be sacrificed to God, yet God allows people to substitute a lamb or two turtledoves in their place, for no sinful child is an acceptable sacrifice unto the Lord. Yet when Mary brings the Lord Jesus to the temple, the first, true, and only worthy sacrifice is brought to God.

### **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. 8	Psalm 69:1-4, 8-9, 24, 29-30	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
Monday, Feb. 9	Psalm 23:1-5	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Psalm 38:1-3, 6, 9-11, 21-22	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22—4:6
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Psalm 147:1-3, 6-11	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
Thursday, Feb. 12	Psalm 71:1-6, 17-18	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
Friday, Feb. 13	Psalm 95:1-7a	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54
Saturday, Feb. 14	Psalm 119:153-160	Job 10:1-22	John 5:1-18

## A LOOK BACK TO THE LITURGY – FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**Theme:** Christ is the only, true, and worthy sacrifice offered unto God.

**Hymn:** 530, “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price”

### Summary of Readings:

**1 Samuel 1:21–28:** Hannah who was barren is given a son, Samuel, by the grace of God, and dedicates him to the Lord as a Nazirite.

**Hebrews 2:14–18:** We are taught that Christ took on the fullness of our humanity, that He might defeat the devil and live in obedience in our stead as a man, fully our brother.

**Luke 2:22–35:** Holy Mary and St. Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple to be redeemed according to the Law of Moses, and the Lord is taken up by St. Simeon.

### 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 84 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! <sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. <sup>6</sup>As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. <sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! <sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! <sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. <sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

### **LUTHER'S PRAYER ON PSALM 84<sup>1</sup>:**

Praise and thanks to You, Lord, our God, because You have granted us Your Word which shows us the way of salvation. By Your Holy Spirit work effectively in us through this Your Word, that it may prove in us a living and fruitful seed bringing a hundredfold, and that the fruit remain to eternal life. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD:**

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through 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 Haines Family* and their loved ones

*Merlyn Lauber*, friend of the Rudsenskies, who has been diagnosed with cancer

*The Family of Jarrod Bredan McKnight*, child of the Martins' friends, who has entered eternal rest

*Dean Walker*, husband of our visitor, Carol, who was approved to return home to Iowa

## **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.