

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 9 - 15, AD 2025

With so many difficulties and dangers and temptations and trials all around us, what joy to believe, teach, and confess that God our Father is Almighty! There is nothing that is outside of His power and ability to do. No enemy is too strong. No problem is too difficult. And what is more, not only is God able to do whatever is necessary to bring about your earthly and eternal good, in His Son Jesus, He has shown you His desire to pour out every good and perfect gift. God's power is good. But it is only comforting if you know that He is first and foremost merciful. How terrible would it be if that Almighty God were angry or didn't love you or didn't care about you? How terrible would it be if He only used His power to serve His own selfish desires? How terrible would it be if He only used His power to benefit those who deserved it? None of us would ever receive a single good thing from Him. Praise and thanks be to Almighty God that you have come to know and believe from the Bible that God's love and mercy govern everything He does and how He uses His Almighty power. Because of His love for you He moves everything in heaven and on earth so that you might hear how He sent His Son Jesus to die and save you from sin and everlasting death. And it is this God who loves you who commands and invites you to call upon Him in every trouble and then promises that He will use His almighty power to save you, defend you, and provide for you. And because He is Almighty, there is nothing that He has promised you that He is not able to make happen according to His good and gracious will.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Creed – The First Article - Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Psalm 50:15 – “...and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Psalm 107

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“O God of God, O Light of Light” (LSB 810)

<https://youtu.be/GVsJpnYKmUc?feature=shared>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 17:1-9	
② MONDAY	DANIEL 2:24-49	1 PETER 2:11-25
③ TUESDAY	DANIEL 3:1-28	1 PETER 3:1-7
④ WEDNESDAY	DANIEL 4:1-37	1 PETER 3:8-17
⑤ THURSDAY	DANIEL 5:1-30	1 PETER 3:17-4:6
⑥ FRIDAY	DANIEL 6:1-23	1 PETER 4:7-11
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 17:1-7	1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-10:5

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Thomas Kun (Air Force), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan Sims (Air Force Reserves).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Xariyah Slade (9), Matt Dickson (14).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: David Horn (11), Kaye Hartfield (13), Adeline Ulmer (14).
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt and Michael.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Devin Jackson, Gary Sakko, Greg McClure, Dana Evans, Rush, Christina Null, Gaye, Georgette, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Septuagesima – February 16, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer: The 5th Petition

Hymns: 500, 555, 627, 810, 566, 601, 557

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7, 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5, Matthew 20:1-16

