



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Transfiguration

29 January – 4 February 2023

**Hope Lutheran Church
St. Louis, Missouri**

This guide is offered to assist families, individuals, and small groups in the simple forms of daily prayer included in Lutheran Service Book (pages 294-298). Use the form in LSB appropriate for the time of day and follow the weekly resources in this guide for hymns, readings, and prayers. Pray and confess out loud as much from this order as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

✠ ORDER FOR PRAYER

Morning	LSB, p. 295	Early Evening	LSB, p. 297
Noon	LSB, p. 296	Close of the Day	LSB, p. 298

✠ HYMN *LSB 413 – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

✠ SCRIPTURE READING (from **Daily Lectionary**, LSB, pp. 299-304)

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Zechariah 8:1-23	2 Timothy 1:1-18
Mon.	Zechariah 9:1-17	2 Timothy 2:1-26
Tues.	Zechariah 10:1-11:3	2 Timothy 3:1-17
Wed.	Zechariah 11:4-17	2 Timothy 4:1-18
Thu.	Zechariah 12:1-13:9	Titus 1:1-2:6
Fri.	Zechariah 14:1-21	Titus 2:7-3:15
Sat.	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18

✠ APOSTLES' CREED – *LSB*, inside back cover

✠ LORD'S PRAYER – *LSB*, inside back cover

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Transfiguration

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. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

2 February – **The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord**

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Transfiguration

HEARING GOD IN HIS WORD

When our Lord Jesus Christ is transfigured into bright, radiant glory, the Father bids us to “Hear Him!” St. Paul also says, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17). This from the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II:52-54:

All who want to be saved should listen to this proclamation. For the proclamation and the hearing of God’s Word are the Holy Spirit’s tools, in, with, and through which he wills to work effectively and convert people to God and within whom he wants to effect both the desire for and the completion of their conversion....

Through these means (the preaching and hearing of his Word), God goes about his work and breaks our hearts and draws people, so that they recognize their sins and God’s wrath through the preaching of the law and feel real terror, regret, and sorrow in their hearts. Through the preaching of the holy gospel of the gracious forgiveness of sins in Christ and through meditating upon it, a spark of faith is ignited in them, and they accept the forgiveness of sins for Christ’s sake and receive the comfort of the promise of the gospel. In this way the Holy Spirit, who effects all of this, is sent into their hearts.

(Kolb, R. 2000. *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Fortress Press: Minneapolis)

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

Septuagesima ("70-some Days")

5 February 2023

This "mini-Bible study" is included for your use in personal devotions or with friends during the coming week as you prepare to hear God's Word next Sunday. The questions provided after each of the Scripture texts are intended for your thought and reflection.

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 17:1-7

1. How were the people of Israel (God's children) testing God? Against whom did they complain (Hint: 2 "people")?
2. How did God respond to the complaining in this case? Does this action show His judgment or His mercy?
3. How does this story give you comfort in God's patience?

PSALMODY – Psalm 18

1. How does this Psalm teach you about Jesus the Savior? According to the Psalm, what does your Lord Christ do for you?

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

1. St. Paul gives us a good picture as we prepare for Lent—training for a contest. What does St. Paul say about training and disciplining his body?
2. In what ways can you train and discipline your body as we head into Lent and journey on toward Easter?
3. How does St. Paul interpret—by divine inspiration—the story about water from the rock? How does this help us in our life of faith?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16

1. Describe what the landowner does through the day. What prompts him to pay all the workers the same wage?
2. In this parable, the landowner represents God. How does God deal with "workers" – Christians – in His vineyard?
3. Does God favor people who have been in His "vineyard" (kingdom) longer? Does God give us what we deserve? Based on this parable, is God "fair" or "unfair"?