



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Epiphany 2
14 - 20 January 2024

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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 402 - The Only Son from Heaven**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Ezekiel 36:33-37:14	Romans 5:1-21
Mon.	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Romans 6:1-23
Tues.	Ezekiel 38:1-23	Romans 7:1-20
Wed.	Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29	Romans 7:21 – 8:17
Thu.	Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12	Romans 8:18-39
Fri.	Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29	Romans 9:1-18
Sat.	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23	Romans 9:19-33

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

18 Jan. – The Confession of St. Peter

20 Jan. – Sarah

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

On this day Jesus turns the water of purification into the wine of gladness. In the Sacrament of the Altar our Lord gives us the wine of gladness which is His blood shed for us for forgiveness of sins and life with God. His blood is our wine of gladness that purifies us! This from the Large Catechism on the Sacrament of the Altar (V:23-25):

Therefore, it is appropriately called food of the soul, for it nourishes and strengthens the new creature. For in the first instance, we are born anew through baptism. However, our human flesh and blood, as I have said, have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and attacks of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint and at times even stumble. Therefore the Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and sustenance so that our faith may be refreshed and strengthened and that it may not succumb in the struggle but become stronger and stronger. For the new life should be one that continually develops and progresses.

(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

The Transfiguration of our Lord

21 January 2024

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 34:29-35

1. Where had Moses been? In whose presence was he for 40 days? As a result, what caused his face to shine with brightness?
2. Why did Moses put a veil over his face in the presence of the children of Israel? (See how they reacted when God Himself came to Mt. Sinai, Exodus 20:18-19.)
3. Why should we be fearful in the presence of God? What is the only way we have access to God, even though He is holy and we are sinners? Look up and read Luke 23:44-46 and Hebrews 4:14-16.

PSALMODY – Psalm 99

1. The Psalm exhorts: “Let the people tremble.” In the words of the Psalm, what is the cause of this trembling? How is this trembling a *good* thing?
2. Do you have a sense of trembling when you...come into God’s holy presence to hear His holy Word? ...read His holy Word? ...eat and drink His holy Body and Blood?
3. How would a sense of trembling *help* you live the Christian faith and life?

EPISTLE – 2 Peter 1:16-21

1. Peter was an eyewitness of Jesus’ Transfiguration. What permanent impression did this leave on Peter?
2. How does Peter’s eyewitness testimony strengthen you in faith in Christ? How does God’s Word shine in your heart and comfort you?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 17:1-9

1. Describe how Jesus was transfigured (transformed in appearance) on the mountain. What does this tell you about who Jesus is? See Colossians 1:19-20 and Hebrews 1:1-4.
2. What did the voice from heaven say to the disciples? When else have you heard/read these same words? (Hint: read Matthew 3:13-17.)
3. What command did the voice give to the disciples, then and now? How does this help you order and prioritize your life as a Christian?
4. For what is Jesus preparing here? (Hint: ponder what verse 9 says.)