

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Transfiguration of Our Lord

January 21 – January 27, AD 2024

Our faith is built on that which God has spoken. Thus, when He promises that the water of Holy Baptism washes away the guilt of all our sin and makes us children of God, faith simply hears and says “Amen. This is most certainly true.” St. Paul affirms what our Lord says, namely, that Baptism saves us. It doesn’t represent saving us. It actually does the saving. Not because the water is special but because that is the power of God’s Word. “This is a trustworthy saying,” the apostle writes. Don’t doubt it. Don’t dismiss it or make light of it. God saves through Baptism. He saved you through Baptism. That is His Word to you. It is unbelief that hears such glorious promises and turns them aside because the water is so insignificant. To deny the power of Baptism is to deny the power of God’s Word. Hear the the promises of God. Believe them and treasure them and so stand against all of the devil’s accusations against you. You are baptized. You are saved. God has said so.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5-8)

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

Galatians 5:17 – *For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

Psalm 100

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” (LSB 406, Stanzas 1, 7)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8da7RUXNdrq>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 17:1-9	
② MONDAY	GEN. 6:5,13,17-19,7:11-12,16-17,21-23	ISAIAH 54:4-10
③ TUESDAY	GEN. 8:1A,15-22; 9:1-17	1 PETER 3:18-22
④ WEDNESDAY	ACTS 16:1-5	PSALM 106:1-12
⑤ THURSDAY	ACTS 9:1-22	MARK 1:1-15
⑥ FRIDAY	TITUS 1:1-9	TITUS 3:3-8
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 sick and 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 in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves.
- Baptismal Birthdays: Brianna Starr (22), Brenna Hackbart (23), Nancy Cawood (25)
- Birthdays: Ken Lawrence (25), Bridgette Boeder (26), Carol Long (27)
- For protection of mothers and their unborn children: Lyndsey Slade. (Psalm 139:13)
- Alissa Ulmer, Franklin Fischer, Finley Miller, Ethan Sims, Robert Ulmer, Jeff Ellis, Dony Reaves, Rush, Marlene, Tom, Robert Snyder, Trace Small.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: *What does such baptizing with water indicate? Where is this written?*

Septuagesima – January 28, 2024

Hymns: 500, 555, 627, 406, 566, 601, 557

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

