

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord
February 2 – February 8, AD 2025

The reverend Dr. Martin Luther reminds us in his explanation, that part of the way in which we keep the Sixth Commandment and therefore love our neighbor is by leading a sexually pure and decent life in what we say. How we speak about marriage is just as important as how we conduct ourselves toward and in marriage. Among God's people marriage should receive the highest praise. Husbands should rejoice in their wives and extol them before the world. Wives should speak well of and build up the good names of their husbands. Marriage should be spoken of as one of the chief gifts which God has bestowed upon man. It was not good for man to be alone. Like God in whose image he was made, man needs someone to whom he can give his love and bless. The youth of the church should be encouraged to desire and seek after marriage. Aid should be given to find them godly and pious spouses. Children are to seek and heed the advice and blessing of their parents and pastors. All coarse joking and running down of either marriage or spouses should be abhorrent in our midst. Marriage is not a necessary evil. It is a holy and blessed estate instituted by God in Paradise and blessed to be the occasion of our Lord's chief miracle, the changing of water into wine. May God forgive us for the sake of Christ for not honoring marriage in our life and conversation at all times and may He graciously bless the marriages of our congregation with the greatest joy.

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 Ten Commandments– The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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 PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

① SUNDAY	MATTHEW 8:23-27 ¹	
② MONDAY	2 CHRON 36:11-21/JER 39:1-18	2 CORINTHIANS 13:1-14
③ TUESDAY	EZEKIEL 1:1-28	1 PETER 1:1-9
④ WEDNESDAY	EZEKIEL 2:1-3:3	1 PETER 1:10-21
⑤ THURSDAY	DANIEL 1:1-21	1 PETER 1:22-2:3
⑥ FRIDAY	DANIEL 2:1-23	1 PETER 2:4-10
⑦ SATURDAY	EXODUS 3:1-14	2 PETER 1:16-21

¹ SUNDAY – PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD; LUKE 2:22-32

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

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

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Adeline Ulmer (4), Elizabeth Meyers (6), Aimee Hendon (7), Xariyah Slade (9).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Lyndsey Slade (6), Alexander Rose (8).
- 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

The Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 9, 2025

Catechism: The Creed – The First Article

Hymns: 876, 413, 810, 395, 602, 523, 417

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

