

Saturday Morning Prayer continued

ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Ever faithful Father in heaven, It lieth not in the compass of my power or might sufficiently to thank and praise Thee for all Thy goodness which Thou hast shown unto me all my life, even down to this moment, for I am mere flesh and blood which can do no good thing. Without measure, Thou causest Thy grace to abound to me daily, and if Thou hadst not been my stay and shield this night, Satan’s power had harmed me much, that I could not have risen again in health. By Thy gracious guardianship I have been wholly defended, and I beseech Thee most heartily to let Thy grace abound to me ward this day, and graciously defend me, Thy child, by the price of Christ’s blood, henceforth unto everlasting life. Amen. Lord Jesus, receive my soul into Thy hands, and let it be commended unto Thee. Amen. (Pages 387-388)

Evening Prayer for Saturday.

255. God, be merciful unto me and forgive me all my sins and transgressions, in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ. For there is salvation in none other, and there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, except alone the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son; and we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as were all our fathers. (Acts 15:11.)

Merciful God and Father, most heartily do I praise Thee and give thanks that Thou hast so paternally cared for me all the days of my life, and hast this day and during the whole week, even to this moment, graciously defended me against every evil to body and soul. By the grace which all repentant sinners find before Thee, I beseech Thee, cover and remember no more the sins which I this day and all this week have consciously or unconsciously committed against Thee or against my neighbor. Graciously grant, that I may step out of this dying week into a new Christian life, to be acceptable unto Thee and all the elect in heaven. And in the darkness of the night now falling, let me be commended into Thy most gracious arms, to rest and sleep in peace, and rise again refreshed and strong unto Thy further glory. And when my last day comes, receive me unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, for I am Thine and Thou art mine. O how gladly would I come soon and dwell with Thee. Amen. (Pages 427-429)

Our Family Daily Prayers

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Gesima



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Our Family Daily Prayers – 2024/2025

Follow the order for Daily Devotions in Lutheran Worship, p.293.

Week of Advent One: December 1-7, 2024

Psalm 1 / Psalm 143

Hymn – "Savior of the Heathen, Come" (Augustana SBH #1)

Daily Readings –

1 Sunday 10:15 AM	Advent One Jeremiah 33:14-18, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 21:1-9	
2 Monday	Matt. 11:25-30	Genesis 3:1-24
3 Tuesday	Acts 3:22-26	Genesis 9:1-19
4 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Col. 1:15-29	Genesis 22:1-19
5 Thursday	Catechesis on St. Luke 21:25-36	
	Heb. 1:1-4	Genesis 49:1-28
6 Friday	Nikolaus Selnecker, Confessor	
	Heb. 2:1-4	Num. 24:14-25
7 Saturday	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor Isaiah 62:1-12, Heb. 7:23-27, Matthew 25:14-23, 24-30	
	Eph 3:1-12	Deut. 18:15-19
	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor 2 Timothy 4:1-8, Matthew 5:13-19	

#1 Part One of The Exercise of Piety: Concerning Meditation on Sins.

Meditation on sins comprises these two parts, namely that we recognize the seriousness of original and actual sin. Actual sins are committed by thought, word, and deed. They are committed by the commission of evil and by the omission of good. They are committed against God, neighbor, and self. There are sins of youth and daily weaknesses. Every day we are tempted by the flesh and we will often succumb to these temptations. At times we participate in the sins of others, and fall into many of these same sins ourselves. And indeed, we are convicted guilty of our sins by all creation, and we contemplate the severity of divine wrath against our sins in the suffering and death of Christ. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.14)

Collect for Advent One (Ad Te Levavi)

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer for Thursday.

201. Unto Thee, O Gracious God, I render thanks, glory and honor for Thy goodness and loving-kindness which Thou hast this day shown unto me, even though I am a sinner, unworthy to be called Thy child. I know that Thy mercy is very great,—greater far than my sins and the sins of all the world. Therefore, I confess unto Thee all my sins and transgressions which I have this day, or even all my days from my youth up, committed against Thee, and beseech Thee, pardon and blot out all these, and have mercy upon me, through Thy grace, as Thy beloved child. Give Thy holy angels charge concerning me, that I may this night and all the days to come be defended against all harm to body or soul. Unto Thee I commend myself wholly, in life and in death. Let me ever be and remain with Thee. Amen. (Pages 347-348)

Morning Prayer for Friday.

206. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ Who has redeemed us with His precious blood, I do now arise. May He defend me against all evil, and preserve my body and soul; granting me also whatsoever shall prosper and confirm me in all good, unto eternal life. Amen. (Page 355-356)

Evening Prayer for Friday.

227. The Lord defend my soul. The Lord deliver me from all evil. The Lord preserve my going out and my coming in from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, whether we wake or sleep, live or die, we are Thine. I heartily beseech Thee, care Thou for me, and let me not fall into destruction through works of darkness; but, let the light of Thy countenance arise in my heart, that, by faith, true knowledge of Thee may increase in my soul, and I may ever do Thy will. Guard and defend me against every deception of the evil one. Preserve me from all evil visions and horrid dreams, and let me this night rest peacefully in Thee, to attain unto the morning in joy and health, and to fulfil my calling unto the glory of Thy holy Name and the salvation of my soul. Amen. (Pages 378-379)

Morning Prayer for Saturday.

231. Jesus Christ, Son of God, let me this day again commend unto Thee my body and soul, and, at last, when I depart from this vale of sorrow, grant me a blessed departure that I may appear faultless and pure in Thy holy sight, and permitted to hear Thy joyous voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee *Saturday Morning Prayer continues*

Morning Prayer for Wednesday

163. Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord, O earth! Sing forth the honor of His Name.

Let day proclaim unto day the salvation of our God. O come, let us sing unto the Lord our God a new song. May He bless and preserve me,—The Father, Who created me, The Son, Who redeemed me, The Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, blessed and most holy Trinity, abide with me this day and at all times. Let me now, together with all the elect of God, arise unto one faith and one confession thereof in like confidence and hope of God. Let me arise from all my sin and sorrow to the grace and comfort of God and unto eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Pages 287-288)

Evening Prayer for Wednesday.

179. I lay me down to sleep in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Crucified. May He bless, defend, and lead me unto eternal life. Amen.

Unto Thee, Lord, Heavenly Father, I render praise and thanksgiving for all Thy loving-kindness which Thou hast this day so graciously shown unto me. I pray Thee, protect and defend me from evil this night. Keep from me the devil and every vexation, that I may rest safely and sleep in peace. Let me not be overcome by an evil death this night, without a recognition of Thy beloved Son; but, let me with joy arise from sleep to acknowledge Thy grace, to praise Thy holy name, and to render thanks unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Savior. Amen. (pages 314-315)

Morning Prayer for Thursday.

183. Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come unto Thee. Hide not Thy face from me for I am poor and needy. Incline Thine ear unto me. When I cry unto Thee, hear me and answer me.

Under Thy good pleasure, O Lord Jesus Christ, I submit all that I do or leave undone, my beginnings and my endings, and commend unto Thee my body and soul, my kin and acquaintances, together with all my possessions. By the guardianship of Thy holy angels Thou hast this night protected me; and, I beseech Thee, condescend this day also to guard and defend me from all evil. Vouchsafe unto me and all my relatives and friends whatsoever we need unto the maintenance of this temporal life; and, as a merciful father, care for us. Save us from war and pestilence, from famine and from evil trials, and, at last, receive us into Thy eternal kingdom, the heavenly paradise. Amen. (Pages 321-322)

Collect for the Season of Advent

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Lord's Prayer, The Sixth Petition



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Palm Sunday Procession in Matthew 21:1-9

Prayers for Each Day

The prayers for this edition of OFDP are taken from Seed-Grains of Prayer: A Manual for Evangelical Christians by William Loehe (Wartburg Publishing House, 1914). They are found at the end of this booklet.

Week of Advent Two: December 8-14, 2024

Psalm 28 / Psalm 91

Hymn – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (Augustana SBH #2)

Daily Readings –

8 Sunday 10:15 AM	Advent Two Micah 4:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36	
9 Monday	Acts 17:16-34	1 Chron 17:1-27
10 Tuesday	1 John 4:9-16	2 Chron. 7:11-22
11 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Col 1:1-8	Isa 11:1-10
	Catechesis on Matthew 11:2-11	
12 Thursday	Phil 2:12-18	Jer 23:2-8
13 Friday 10:30 AM	Phil 3:12-16	Jer 30:1-22
	St. Lucy, Martyr Ecclesiasticus 51:1-7, 2 Corinthians 10:17-11:2, Matthew 13:44-52	
14 Saturday	Col 3:1-11	Jer 33:14-26

#2 Part I, Chapter I. The Consideration of the Seriousness of Original Sin.

O holy God, just Judge, I know that I am conceived and born in sin (Psa. 51:7). I know that I was formed from unclean seed (Job 14:4) in the womb of my mother. The poison of sin has so corrupted and spoiled my entire nature that no powers of my soul are free from its infection. The holy gift of the divine image entrusted to me in the first parent of our race has perished in me. I now have no powers for initiating a saving recognition, fear, trust, and love of You. I have no capability to obediently perform Your commandments. My will is turned away from the law, and the law of sin in my members is opposed to the law of my mind [Rom. 7:23], so that my entire nature is corrupt and perverted. I am wretched and miserable and feel the assault of sin tenaciously clinging to every part of me. I feel the yoke of perverse desire weighing heavily upon me. I have been regenerated and renewed in the washing of baptism through the Spirit of grace [Tit. 3:5]. But I am not totally free from the yoke and captivity of sin, since that bitter root lurking in me always strives to shoot forth [Heb. 12:15]. The law of sin raging in my flesh fights to capture me. I am full of doubts, distrust, and the desire for my own honor. Depraved thoughts come forth from the heart [Mat. 15:19], which totally defile me in Your sight. From a poisoned spring flow forth poison streams.

Do not, O Lord, enter into judgment with Your servant [Psa. 143:2], rather be gracious to me according to Your great mercy [Psa. 51:3]. The depth of my wretchedness [Psa. 42:8] calls out for help to the depth of

and in good health, through Thy Fatherly love. Most heartily do I beseech Thee, graciously to defend me and all believing Christians, this day and through all the days, against all harm and danger in body and soul, that I may always yield unto Thy will. Into Thy care and guidance I commend myself, body, soul, heart, mind, will, and thought, and all my purposes, my walks and ways, my rising up and my lying down, my coming in and my going out, my life and death, and all that I am or have. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, to defend me from all harm in body and soul. I ask it for Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son's sake. Amen. (Pages 181-182)

Evening Prayer for Monday.

127. In Thy Name, O Lord Jesus, I now lay me down to my temporal rest. Grant me finally the eternal rest, when I may lie down in peace to sleep and rise again and enter into eternal glory. Amen. (Page 226)

Morning Prayer for Tuesday.

131. Hear, O Lord, the prayers of all who call upon Thee, according to the benediction of Aaron (Num. 6), upon Thy people, that all who dwell in the earth may acknowledge that Thou, Lord, art the everlasting God. (Sir. 36.) Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase. The Lord, our God shall bless us: the Lord shall bless us, and all the earth shall fear Him. Amen. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, I, a poor, miserable sinner, am about to rise in Thy name. Thou wast crucified and didst die for me, and with Thy precious blood didst redeem me upon the cross. Govern, sanctify, and defend me in body and soul, and strengthen me unto all good works. Be my defense against every evil, and after this life grant me the life eternal. Amen. (Pages 233-234)

Evening Prayer for Tuesday.

159. May the Lord grant us peace; a realization of our sins; and the amendment of our sinful lives through true faith in Jesus Christ; and, after this life, the life eternal. Amen.

I beseech Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, abide with me this night, so that when my body rests my soul may be alert to keep Thee ever before my heart and mind, to guard me from all evil. Let Thy holy angel guard me that the enemy come not nigh unto me; but that Thou, O Lord, abide alone with me. Let also all that Thou hast given me be so commended unto Thee, and receive all under Thy guardianship to defend them against all evil and preserve them unto eternal life. Amen. (Page 279)

Weekday Prayers

Morning Prayer for Sunday.

62. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord preserve me from all evil: the Lord preserve my soul. The Lord preserve my going out and coming in forevermore. The Lord bless me and keep me: the Lord make His face to shine upon me and be gracious unto me: the Lord lift up His countenance upon me and grant me peace. Amen.

O, ever blessed Trinity, unto Thy grace I commend my all this day,—this Sunday,—my body and soul, my walks and ways, and all my deeds and undertakings; and beseech Thee to open my heart and my lips rightly to praise Thy name,—holy above every other name. Since Thou hast created me unto the glory of Thy holy name, let me so live that I may honor and serve Thee in love and fear. Amen. (Pages 97-98)

Evening Prayer for Sunday:

100. Now thank we all our God, Who, from our mother's womb, has kept us alive and showered His benefits upon us. May He grant us joyful hearts and great peace in this our day, that His grace abide, and redeem us while we live. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us evermore. Amen.

O Lord, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, I bless Thee for all the goodness and mercy which Thou hast this day so graciously bestowed upon me, and hast preserved me in joy and health from all evil. As Thy beloved, I pray Thee graciously to preserve me in Thy word, which alone is able to save, until my latest breath, and enlighten my soul with Thy Holy Spirit, that I may know what is good and what is evil. By Thy mercy blot out every transgression that I have committed this day, whether consciously or ignorantly, and every secret fault, and grant me this night the precious rest of Thy Christian people, that I may rise again refreshed and strong unto Thy praise. Grant also, Dear Father, that by Thy grace I begin a new life, acceptable unto Thee, unto the salvation of my soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only help. Amen. (Pages 170-172).

Morning Prayer for Monday

105. God, be merciful unto us and bless us. Make Thy countenance to shine upon us that we may acknowledge Thy ways in all the earth. The Lord, our God, bless us. The Lord bless us and grant us peace. Amen.

O Holy and Ever Faithful God, Heavenly Father, most heartily do I praise, laud, and magnify Thee, that Thou hast granted me to rest and sleep in safety during the night now past, and hast caused me to awake refreshed

Your mercy. For this foulness of my unclean nature I place before You the most holy conception of Your Son. For me, He was born [Isa. 9:6], and so He was also conceived for me. For me, He was made sanctification and righteousness [1 Cor. 1:30], and so He also was made my purification and purity. Through and on account of this Your Son, have mercy upon me, O Most High, and do not place the hidden evil corruption of my nature in the light of Your face [Psa. 90:8]. Look to Your beloved Son, my Mediator! May His most holy and unpolluted conception be the remedy for my miserable conception. Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.14-15)

Collect for Advent Two (*Populus Zion*)

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:54)

Signs at the End – Nursing Mothers in the Rocks - Luke 21:5-24

Catechism - The Lord's Prayer, The Seventh Petition

Week of Advent Three: December 15-21, 2024

Psalm 132 / Psalm 98

Hymn – The Only Son from Heaven (Augustana SBH #3)

Daily Readings –

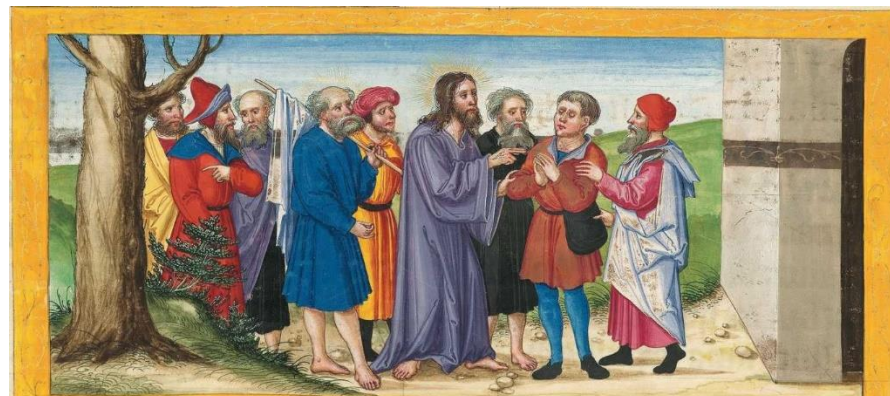
15 Sunday 10:15 AM	Advent Three Malachi 3:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-10	
16 Monday	Heb 10:35-39	Isa 2:1-5
17 Tuesday <i>O Wisdom</i>	Luke 21:5-24	Isa 24:21-25:5
18 Wednesday 8:00 AM <i>O Adonai and Ruler</i> 6:30 PM	Luke 12:35-59	Isa 25:6-10
	Matins on Ember Wednesday in Advent Isaiah 2:2-5, Luke 1:26-38	
	Catechesis on John 1:1-14	
19 Thu <i>O Root of Jesse</i>	James 5:7-11	Isa 26:1-21
20 Fri 8:00 AM <i>O Key of David</i>	Luke 1:1-25	Isa 51:1-16
	Matins on Ember Friday in Advent Isaiah 11:1-5, Luke 1:39-47	
21 Sat 7:00 PM <i>O Dayspring</i>	Luke 1:26-38	Isa 52:1-12
	Vespers on St. Thomas, Apostle Judges 6:36-40, Ephesians 2:19-22, John 20:24-31	
	Ember Saturday in Advent 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Luke 3:1-6	

#3 Part I, Chapter IX. All God’s Deeds of Kindness Testify to the Gravity of Our Sins.

O holy God, just Judge, the more deeds of kindness You have bestowed upon me, the more I am grieved that I have so often offended You, such a benevolent Father. Every gift you have bestowed upon me is like a bond of love. You have willed that I be bound to You, but I heaped up the number of sins, having forgotten You and Your kindness. I have sinned Father, against heaven and before You. I am not worthy to be called Your son. Make me as one of Your hired servants [Luke 15:19]. I am totally dissatisfied with myself. Grant that I be totally pleasing to You. The riches of Your goodness and Your extraordinary patience [Rom. 2:4] have for a long time called me to repentance, but so far I have declined to come. O most benevolent Father, again and again You have called me to repentance through the preaching of the Word, through the admonition of creation, through the reproof shown on Christ on the cross, through the internal working of the Holy Spirit. But I have

cheeks, break through the clouds and not be quieted until they reach Your throne [Sir. 35:15 ff.].

Hear those who are in danger at sea and cry out to You, and who, being very near to shipwreck, cry out for Your help with ardent groans. Give freedom to the captive, so that with a grateful heart they may proclaim Your kindness. Make firm those who suffer persecution for righteousness’ sake [Mat. 5:10], so that they may be victorious over all their enemies, and receive the eternal crown of martyrdom. Help also all those who are suffering dangers and misfortunes, so that they may possess their souls by true patience [Luke 21:19] and, denying their own will, take up their cross [Mat. 16:24]. May they follow Him under the cross, in whom they believe and who died for us on the cross. And especially, kindest Father, do I entrust to Your care those who are poised at the very gates of death, who hover between time and eternity, and who wrestle with this last foe with all their powers. Make them firm, O most powerful Victor over death. Free them, O most glorious Ruler of life, so they are not drowned by the waves of temptations, but are brought through to the port of eternal tranquility. Have mercy upon all men, You who are the Creator of all. Have mercy upon all, You who are the Redeemer of all. To You be praise and glory into all eternity. Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.91-93)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:45)
Blind Bartimaeus in Luke 18:35-43

Collect for Quinquagesima

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Lord’s Supper, Question One

Week of Quinquagesima: March 2-8, 2025

Psalm 111 / Psalm 27

Hymn – “If Thy Beloved Son, O God” (Augustana SBH #18)

Hymn Ash Wednesday - “When o’er My Sins I Sorrow” (ASBH #19)

Daily Readings –

2 Sunday 10:15 AM	Quinquagesima Isaiah 35:3-7, 1 Cor. 13:1-13, Lk. 18:31-43	
3 Monday	Luke 6:1-35	Exodus 24:1-25:9
4 Tuesday	Luke 6:33-49	Exodus 31:18-32:35
5 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Luke 7:1-10	Exodus 33:1-23
7:00 PM	Learn-by-Heart (but, no Catechesis Service) Ash Wednesday Divine Service Jonah 3:1-10, Isaiah 59:12-21, Joel 2:12-19, Matt 6:16-21	
6 Thursday	Luke 7:18-8:3	Exodus 34:1-10
7 Friday	Luke 8:16-56	Exodus 34:27-35
8 Saturday	Luke 9:1-27	Exodus 40:1-38

#19 Part Four: Chapter VII. Prayer for the Afflicted and Those Suffering Hardship.

Omnipotent, eternal, and merciful God, You are the Savior of all men, especially those who believe [1 Tim. 4:10]. You have commanded through the apostle that prayers be offered for all men [1 Tim. 2:1]. I beg You, in behalf of all who are suffering under affliction and hardship, to uphold them with the consolation of Your grace, and support them with the help of Your might. Clothe with heavenly power and strength those who sweat in the most grievous agony of Satanic temptations. Make them partakers of Your victory, O Christ, most powerful Victor over the devil. May the refreshment of Your heavenly grace encourage those whose bones are dried up by the fire of sorrow. Uphold all those who fall and raise up all who are bowed down [Psa. 145:14]. Be gracious in allowing illness, so that physical sickness may be a spiritual medicine for those who are ill. May they recognize that sickness is an attendant of sin and a forerunner of death. Give to them strength of faith and patience, O truest Physician of souls and bodies. Restore them to their former health, provided that it is advantageous to their eternal salvation.

Protect those who are with child, support those giving birth. It is You who bring infants from the confines of their mother's wombs, and enlarge the human race by Your blessing. Be with those who are in the pains of labor, O Lover and Giver of life, so they are not oppressed too heavily with excessive pain. Nourish orphans forsaken of all help. Protect widows, subject to the reproach of all, for You have called Yourself the kindest Father of the fatherless, and the most just Defender of the widowed [Psa. 68:5]. May the tears of widows, flowing down their

completely closed my ears to this calling. (*Text continues with Advent Four*) (from *The Daily Exercise of Piety* by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.26-27)

Collect for Advent Three (*Gaudete*)

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Lord’s Prayer, The Conclusion & Meaning



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:25)
John the Baptist’s Head on a platter in Mark 6:15-29

Week of Advent Four: December 22-23, 2024

Psalm 126 / Psalm 145

Hymn – To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ (Augustana SBH #4)

Daily Readings –

22 Sunday 10:15 AM <i>O King of Nations</i>	Advent Four Isaiah 40:1-8; Philippians 4:4-7; John 1:19-28
23 Monday 10:30 AM <i>O Emmanuel</i>	Mt 1:18-25 St. Thorlak, Bishop & Confessor Hebrews 13:7-17, Matthew 24:42-47
	Isa 40:1-11

#4 Part I, Chapter IX. All God's Deeds of Kindness Testify to the Gravity of Our Sins.

(Continued from Advent Three) All the powers of my soul, all the members of my body, are Your gifts. I should have been prepared to offer You the holy service I owed to You with all the powers of my soul, and with all the members of my body. But I have made them—O! what cause for sorrow!—I have made them tools for unrighteousness and evil. Yours is the breath which I draw. Yours is the air which I breathe. Yours is the sun, whose light I behold every day. All these should have been for me aids and tools for a holy life. But I have turned them—what sorrow!—into servants of sin. Creation was to be used for the glory of the Creator, but unfortunately, I have misused it for His dishonor. The armor of light was to be put on in the light of the sun, but in the sun's light I have committed works of darkness [Rom. 13:12]. Whatever time is added to my life is given to me out of Your kindness. Therefore my whole life should have been devoted to You, from Whom all of it comes. But not even the smallest part of my life has been devoted to You in holy service. As often as I have sensed what is good and right to do, just as often have I failed to follow through and turned away from service to You. By these impulses I was most kindly invited to return to You through repentance. But O!, how often have I harshly shunned their most loving encouragement! Receive the one who now at last returns to You with groaning and a contrite heart. Sprinkle me with the blood of Your Son, so that I may be cleansed whiter than snow [Psa. 51:7] from all the filthiness

into the detestable stench of sins and hell. May they remember the commandment to honor parents. May they be roused to cherish their parents in return. May they remember to return to their parents the care they received, lest they fall headlong into the abyss of all sorts of misfortunes [Eph. 6:2-3].

May parents and children worship You, true God, with united devotion in this life, so that they may praise You in eternal life with united praises. May servants be willingly obedient to their masters, serving them with fear and simplicity of heart, not with eye-service alone or desiring to please men, but rather may they decide to render this service to Christ [Eph. 6:5-6]. And, in turn, may masters embrace them with paternal kindness, so from lawful authority there does not come tyrannical cruelty. The household estate is a household church, highly esteemed by God and angels. Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.85-87)

Catechism - Office of the Keys, Question Three



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:46)
Zachaeus in Luke 19:1-10

Collect for Septuagesima

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Week of Sexagesima: February 23-March 1, 2024

Psalm 24 / Psalm 25

Hymn – “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” (Augustana SBH #17)

Daily Readings –

23 Sunday 10:15 AM	Sexagesima Is. 55:10-13, 2 Cor. 11:19-12:9, Luke 8:4-15	
24 Monday 10:30 AM	Mark 10:1-31	Exodus 14:1-31
	St. Matthias, Apostle Isaiah 66:1-2, Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 11:25-30	
25 Tuesday	Mark 10:32-52	Exodus 15:1-21
26 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Mark 11:1-33	Exodus 15:22-16:36
	Catechesis on Luke 18:31-43	
27 Thursday	Mark 12:13-44	Exodus 17:1-16
28 Friday	Luke 4:14-44	Exodus 19:1-25
1 Saturday	Luke 5:12-39	Exodus 20:1-23

#18 Part Four: Chapter IV. Prayer for the Household Estate.

(Continued from Septuagesima)

May You stand by pious parents with Your grace, so that they bring up their children with holy admonitions and discipline [Eph. 6:4]. May they acknowledge that their children, the fruit of marriage, are Your gift, and may they offer them back to You through a pious and faithful marriage. May they place before the children an example of a holy life, lest they entangle themselves in the most grievous sin of causing others to stumble. Bend also the hearts of the children, so that they show to their parents the compliance of obedience owed to them. May they be the fragrance of the little plants of a heavenly paradise, so they do not become useless wood, subject to the flames of hell. May they scatter about the most pleasant smell of piety, obedience, reverence, and every type of virtue, so they do not fall

of my flesh and spirit [2 Cor. 7:1], and may praise You eternally with all the elect, Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.26-27)

Collect for Advent Four (Rorate Coeli)

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come and help us with Thy great might, that by Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished through Thy mercy and satisfaction; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, First Question



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (I:26)
Baptism of Jesus in Matthew 4

Christmas Eve and Day: December 24-25, 2024

Psalm 24 – Dec. 24 / Psalm 19, 45, 85, 89, 110, 132 – Dec. 25

Hymn – O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee (Augustana SBH #5)

Daily Readings –

24 Tuesday 7:00 PM	Christ's Mass Eve Isaiah 9:2-7, 1 John 4:7-16, Matthew 1:18-25
25 Wednesday 8:00 AM	Christmas Matins Micah 5:2-4, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2
9:00 AM	Christ's Mass Day Isaiah 7:10-14, Heb. 1:1-12, St. John 1:1-14

Christmas Eve

#5 Part Two: Concerning Contemplation of Divine Gifts Bestowed

The contemplation of divine gifts from the most beautiful garden of Heaven and the Church is like gathering together a bouquet of fragrant flowers. The scent of these blooms refreshes the spirit and calls forth from us the sacrifice of lips of praise, a sweet smell to God. These immeasurable and countless divine gifts may be considered according to the three articles of the Christian faith. God has created, redeemed, and sanctified us. He showers us in this life with the greatest gifts. He promises even more for eternal life. He gives us gifts of grace; He deprives and withholds evil from us. In short, we can grasp neither in word nor in thought the number and worth of those divine gifts which will be the most abundant subject of eternal praise in the coming life. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.30)

Collect for Vigil of the Nativity (Dec 24)

O God, Who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, First Question

Christmas Dawn

#6 Part Two: Chapter IV. Thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the Son.

I give thanks to You, Jesus Christ, only Mediator and Redeemer of the human race, that in the fullness of time You united to Yourself, personally, a true human nature, and You deigned to be born of a virgin [Gal. 4:4]. How great is Your love of man that You laid hold not of angels, but of the seed of Abraham [Heb. 2:16]! How great is the mystery of godliness that You, being True God, deigned to become manifest in the flesh [1 Tim. 3:16]! How great the inclination of Your mercy that descending from heaven for my sake, You endured being born of a virgin [Isa. 9:6]. For me, a most worthless creature, You, the all-powerful Creator, became man. For my sake, an abject slave, You, the glorious Lord, in servile fashion, clothed Yourself with a body [Phil. 2:7], so that with flesh You might free flesh. For me You were born. Therefore, whatever heavenly goods You bring with You in Your birth will be mine. *(Text continues with Christ's Mass*

Week of Septuagesima: February 16-22, 2025

Psalm 23 / Psalm 143

Hymn – “Salvation unto Us Has Come” (Augustana SBH #16)

Daily Readings –

16 Sunday 10:15 AM	Septuagesima Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Cor. 9:24-10:5, Mt. 20:1-16	
17 Monday	Mark 5:21-43	Exodus 5:1-23
18 Tuesday 10:30 AM	Mark 6:1-29	Exodus 6:1-13
	Martin Luther, Doctor & Confessor Isaiah 55:6-11, Romans 10:5-17, John 15:1-11	
19 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Mark 6:30-56	Exodus 11:1-10
	Catechesis on Luke 8:4-15	
20 Thursday	Mark 7:1-30	Exodus 12:1-28
21 Friday	Mark 8:10-9:1	Exodus 12:29-42
22 Saturday	Mark 9:2-32	Exodus 13:1-22

#17 Part Four: Chapter IV. Prayer for the Household Estate.

Omnipotent and merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Your most wise judgment in addition to the ministry of the Church and the rule of government, You instituted the household estate. I praise You and beg You with my whole heart that You guard this holy nursery of Church and Republic. Grant to virgins, widows, and those married, true holiness of soul and pure chastity of body. May virgins depend completely upon You [1 Cor. 7:34]. May widows continue in prayers day and night [1 Tim. 5:5]. May husband and wife highly esteem one another with sincere love [Eph. 5:25]. May all serve You in righteousness and holiness with their whole heart. May the marriage bed be undefiled [Heb. 13:4] and every soul unstained. May they be violets of humility and lilies of chastity. May they be roses of charity and balms of sanctity.

Bind together the hearts of the pious who are married, with the bond of a chaste love, so that they embrace each other willingly and continue in Your holy service. Guard them from the plots of Asmodeus [Tobit 3:8], lest they burn with hatred, one for the other. May the wife be a helper for the man and supply comfort in adversity [Gen. 2:18]. May the indissoluble bond of marriage be for us all a holy mystery of the love between Christ and the Church [Eph. 5:32]. The closer the fellowship of husband and wife, still more fervent may their zeal in prayer be. The more they are subject to greater perils and misfortunes, with souls more closely joined, the more may they be engaged in piety and prayers. *(Continued on Sexagesima)* (from The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.85-87)

Catechism - Office of the Keys, Question Two

Collect for Transfiguration

O God, Who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thine Only-Begotten Son hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the Fathers, and Who, in the Voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons, mercifully vouchsafe to make us coheirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - Office of the Keys, Questions One



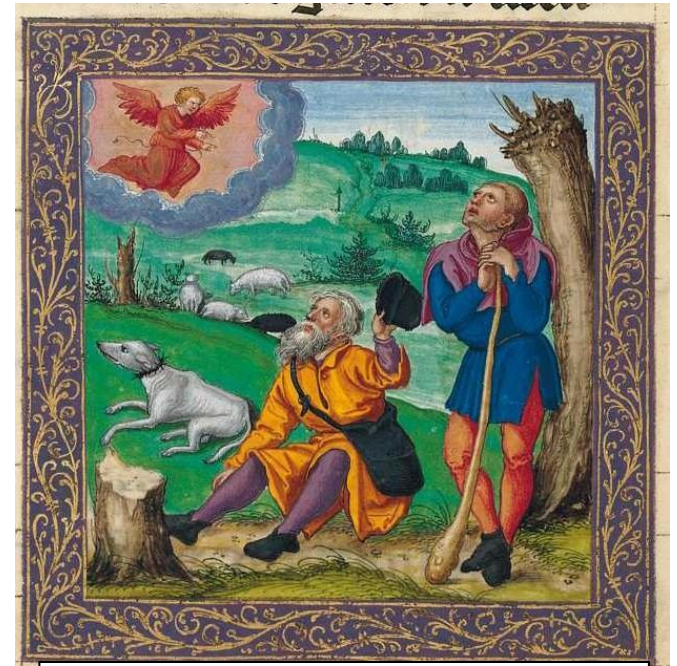
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(III:47 & 48)
The Talents in Luke 19:11-27



Day) (from The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.35-36)

Collect for Christ's Mass Dawn (Dec 25)

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, upon whom is poured the new light of Thy Word made flesh, may show forth in our actions that which by faith shineth in our minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:66)
Angels Appear to the Shepherds in Luke 2:1-20



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:63)
The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke 1

Week of Christmas: December 26-28, 2024

Psalm 19, 45, 85, 89, 110, 132 – Dec. 25

Hymn – O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee (Augustana SBH #5)

Daily Readings –

26 Thursday	Matthew 1:1-17	Micah 5:1-5
	St Stephen, First Martyr 2 Chron. 24:17-22, Acts 6:8-7:60, Matt 23:34-39	
27 Friday 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	John 1:15-18	Isa 32:1-8
	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Hosea 14:1-9, 1 John 1:1-10, John 21:19-24	
	Catechesis on St. Luke 2:21	
28 Saturday 7:00 PM	Luke 2:15-20	Isa 46:3-13
	Vespers on Holy Innocents Jer. 31:15-17, Rev 14:1-5, Matthew 2:13-18	

Christ’s Mass Day

#7 Part Two: Chapter IV. Thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the Son.

(Continued from Christ’s Mass Dawn) To me You were given—shall not also all things be given to me? My nature is glorified greater in You than it was disgraced in Adam through sin. Because You assumed into the unity of Your person [Christ has two natures, divine and human, in one person] that which was only accidentally weakened by Satan, You truly are flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone [Eph. 5:30]. You are my brother. What can You deny to me, to whom You are most intimately joined by the same essence of flesh and by the feeling of fraternal love? You are the Bridegroom [Matt. 22:2], who according to the good pleasure of the Heavenly Father, bound the human nature to Yourself as a bride by means of a personal covenant. With a thankful soul I proclaim and acknowledge that I too am invited to the celebration of this marriage.

I am no longer amazed that heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them, were made by God for man, since for man God Himself ordained to become a man. Truly You cannot reject me and turn me away, since You cannot deny [II Tim. 2:13] that You Yourself are a man, and therefore my brother. Now You can never forget me because You have engraved me on the palms of Your hands [Isa. 49:16]. For Christ’s communion with humanity daily and continually makes You mindful of me. Now You can never forsake me, since You, by the closest bond of the personal union, ordained to join the human nature to Yourself. However much, therefore, my sins hinder me from coming to You for mercy, nevertheless, the

Week of Transfiguration: February 9-15, 2025

Psalm 87 / Psalm 8

Hymn – O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair (Augustana SBH #15)

Daily Readings –

9 Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Conf., & Doctor 2 Timothy 4:1-8, Matthew 5:13-19	
	10:15 AM	The Transfiguration of Our Lord Isaiah 61:10-11, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew.17:1-9	
10 Monday		Matthew 21:10-46	Genesis 47:1-31
11 Tuesday		Matthew 23:1-39	Genesis 48:1-22
12 Wednesday		Mark 1:16-45	Exodus 1:1-22
	6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matthew 20:1-16	
13 Thursday		Mark 2:1-28	Exodus 2:1-25
14 Friday		Mark 3:1-35	Exodus 3:1-22
15 Saturday		Mark 5:1-20	Exodus 4:1-31

#16 Part Four: Chapter II. Prayer for Pastors and Hearers.

(Continued from Epiphany Four) Send forth into Your harvest faithful workers [Mat. 9:38], so that they may gather a great harvest of saints. Open the hearts of the hearers, so that they may receive the seed of the Word with the holy obedience of faith [Act 16:14]. Grant to them Your grace, so that they may guard the holy deposit of the Word with a pure heart, and with patience bring forth abundant fruit [Luke 8:15]. May they hear attentively, may they hear carefully, may they hear fruitfully! Otherwise the Word which is preached to them, not having been mixed with faith, will judge them on the last day [John 12:48]. Show forth the express promise of Your grace, that Your Word will not return to You void [Isa. 55:11]. I am mindful of this Your promise, grant that the labor of the one who plants and the one who waters may be blessed [1 Cor. 3:7]. Grant Your protection, I ask, that the infernal raven may not dig up the holy seed of Your Word from the field of the hearts of men, nor the thorn of worldly pleasures and riches constrain it, nor the hardness of stone prevent it from bearing fruit [Mat. 13:4 ff., Luke 8:12 ff.]. Water that seed with the heavenly dew of Your grace, poured out from above, so that then the most abundant harvest of good works may spring forth. Bind together the hearts of pastors and hearers alike in the closest bond of love, so that they contend at the same time for one another in prayers, and encourage each other by their care for one another, Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.81-83)

redeemed by Your precious blood [Acts 20:28], out of true and sincere love and not out of covetousness or ambition; they shepherd the flock in thought, word, and deed; they shepherd by the prayer of their soul, by the exhortation of the Word, and by example; so that they follow in the footsteps of the one to whom the care of the Lord's flock was commended three times [John 21:15]. Rouse them that they keep watch over the souls entrusted to them, since they shall give serious account for them in the severe examination of the last judgment [Heb. 13:17]. Whatever they advise in the preaching of the holy Word, may they first be diligent in this matter in their own lives, lest being sluggish to work themselves, they labor in vain to arouse others. To whatever good works they inflame others, may they themselves first be zealous in these works by the fervor of the Spirit. Before they resound with words of exhortation, may they first proclaim by their works, whatever they are about to speak. (*Continued On Transfiguration*) (from *The Daily Exercise of Piety* by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.81-83)

Collect for Epiphany Four

Almighty God, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Catechism -
Confession,
Question Three

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Bible 1430 (I:57)**
The
Transfiguration
in Acts 21:37-
22:21

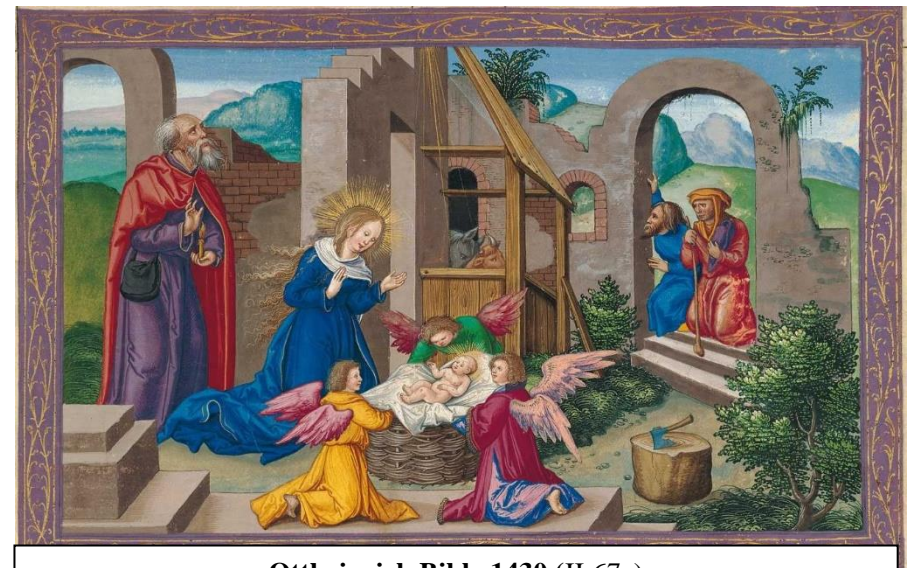


communion of the two natures in Christ will not allow me to be driven away. I will depend totally upon You, who totally assumed my totality, Amen. (from *The Daily Exercise of Piety* by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.35-36)

Collect for Christ's Mass Day (Dec 25)

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Second Question



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:67a)
Jesus Lying in a Manger in Luke 2

Week of Christmas One: December 29, 2024-January 4, 2025

Psalm 121 / Psalm 111

Hymn – To God the Anthem Raising (Christmas One) (ASBH #6)

Hymn – To the Name of Our Salvation (Circumcision and Name of Jesus) (Augustana SBH #7)

Daily Readings –

29 Sunday 10:15 AM	Sunday after Christ's Mass Isaiah 11:1-5; Galatians 4:1-7, Luke 2:33-40	
30 Monday	Luke 2:25-32	Isaiah 55:1-13
31 Tuesday 7:00 PM	The Circumcision and Name of Jesus (Jan 1) Isaiah 63:7-18, Isaiah 55:1-13, Gal 3:23-29; Luke 2:21	
1 Wednesday	Matt 2:13-15	Isa 42:1-9
	No Learn-by-Heart/Catechesis	
2 Thursday	Matt 2:16-18	Isa 61:1-11
3 Friday	Matt 2:19-23	Micah 4:1-8
4 Saturday	Matt 3:1-12	Is 56:1-8

The Sunday after Christmas

#8 Part Two, Chapter I. Thanksgiving for Formation in the Womb of the Mother and for Birth into this Life.

Omnipotent, eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I give You thanks. I praise You, I glorify You, that Your hands fashioned me and made every detail of what I am. You shaped me like clay in the womb of my mother. You poured me out like milk and curdled me like cheese. You clothed me with skin and knit me together with bones and tendons. You gave me life and showed me mercy, and in Your providence You watched over my spirit (Job 10:9–12). I will celebrate Your great mercy which You have shown me with eternal praises. Your kindness I will declare with everlasting songs of praise. You covered me in the womb of my mother. I will praise You, for I am wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and this my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You because You made me in secret when You adorned me with my various members in the lower parts of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was yet unformed, and in Your book were written all the days that would be, though not yet one of them was. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is their sum! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sands of the sea (Psa. 139:13–18).

(Continued on Circumcision and Name of Jesus) (from The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.30-32)

#15 Part Four: Chapter II. Prayer for Pastors and Hearers.

O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, our only Mediator and Redeemer, You have been exalted to the right hand of the Father, and send pastors and teachers of Your Word [Eph. 4:11], by whose work You gather the Church among us unto Yourself. I humbly beg You, who are one true God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, that You guide those Your ministers in the way of truth, and turn the hearts of their hearers to the true obedience of faith. There is no occupation of human life, no class of men, which is so subject to the hatred and plots of Satan as the ecclesiastical ministry of the Word. Protect, therefore, the members of this ministry with the shield of grace, and furnish them with the strength of patience, so that Satan's traps cannot trip them up. Grant, I ask, to Your ministers the necessary knowledge and pious diligence in all doings, that they first learn from You before presuming to teach others [Jas. 3:1]. Govern and enlighten their hearts by Your Spirit so that in the place of God they preach nothing other than God's Word; they shepherd the flock committed unto them [1 Pet. 5:2], purchased and



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:19)
The Wind and the Waves Obey Jesus in Mark 4

Collect for Epiphany Three

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:30)
Woman Healed on the Sabbath in Luek 13:10-17

Days leading to Epiphany Four: February 2-8, 2025

Psalm 2 / Psalm 97

Hymn – “Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint” (ASBH #13)

Daily Readings –

2 Sunday	8:00 AM	The Presentation of Our Lord Haggai 2:6-9, Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 2:22-32	
	10:15 AM	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Jonah 1:1-17, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 8:23-27	
3 Monday		Matt. 11:11-24	Gen 33:1-20
4 Tuesday		Matt. 12:1-21	Gen 35:1-21
5 Wednesday		Matt. 12:22-50	Gen 37:1-36
	6:30 PM	Catechesis on Matthew 8:23-27	
6 Thursday		Matt. 13:1-23	Gen 39:1-20
7 Friday		Matt. 14:1-36	Gen 40:1-23
8 Saturday		Matthew 15:1-20	Gen 41:1-37

Collect for Christmas One

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:68)
Presentation of Jesus at the Temple in Luke 2

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

#9 Part Two, Chapter I. Thanksgiving for Formation in the Womb of the Mother and for Birth into this Life.

(Continued from Christmas One) You showed Your mercy to me before I could perceive it. You came to me with Your kindnesses before I could long for them. Your generosity encompassed me before I could offer thanks for it. You are the one who not only marvelously formed me in the womb of my mother, but also drew me out from the womb. You have been my hope since I was yet at my mother’s breast. I was cast upon You from birth. From my mother’s womb You have been my God (Psa. 22:10–11).

When I consider how many die in the womb before coming to the light of this life, I admire and praise Your mercy all the more, because You brought me, alive, safe, and sound, out of the confinement of the womb into the theater of this world. How many years passed in which I was nothing! But it pleased You to build this dwelling of my body, and to bring it out of the deep and darkness of my mother’s womb. You have given me a rational soul and did not will that I be a stone or snake. To You, my God, for this Your mercy, be honor and glory forever. Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristinaton Press, p.30-32)



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (II:67b)
Circumcision of Jesus in Luke 2:21

Collect for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus (January 1)

O merciful and eternal God, heavenly Father, who didst cause Thy Son to endure circumcision and to be made subject to the Law, that we might be redeemed from the curse of the Law: We beseech Thee, grant us grace to become partakers of this redemption and thus obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reignth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Third Question

Days leading to Epiphany Three: January 26 -February 1, 2025

Psalm 36 / Psalm 33

Hymn –“Why Art Thou Cast Down, My Soul?” (Augustana SBH #12)

Daily Readings –

26 Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor Acts 20:17-35, Ephesians 3:14-21, Matthew 24:42-47	
	10:15 AM	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany 2 Kings 5:1-15a, Romans 1:8-17, Matthew 8:1-13	
27 Monday		Matt. 8:14-21	Gen 25:19-34
28 Tuesday		Matt. 8:28-34	Gen 27:1-45
29 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Matt. 9:9-17	Gen 27:46-28:22
		Catechesis on Matthew 8:1-13	
30 Thursday		Matt. 9:27-38	Gen 29:1-20
31 Friday		Matt. 10:1-16	Gen 31:1-18
1 Saturday		Matt 10:17-11:1	Gen 32:3-32

#14 Part Four: Meditation on the Needs of Our Neighbor

Meditation on the needs of our neighbor has in view the common well-being of Church and Republic. This is the fruit of true and sincere love, which gathers us all into one mystical body under one Head, Christ, and commends to us serious care for the Church as a whole, and for all its members. If a member of the body does not strive, according to its share, to preserve the well-being of the whole bodily structure, or does not suffer when a fellow member is suffering, it is no true member. It is the same with the mystical body of Christ [Col. 1:24, 1 Cor. 12:12 ff]. And therefore, whoever is a true and living member of the Christian Church ought pray daily [Rom. 12:12, Eph. 6:18, Acts 3:1] for the preservation of the Word, for pastors and hearers [Col. 4:2-4, Eph. 3:14-21], for magistrates [1 Tim. 2:2], and those under authority, and for the household. These are the three hierarchies divinely instituted for well-being in this life and for the extension of the heavenly kingdom [1 Tim. 2:1-4, Rom. 13:1-6, Eph. 6:4]. He ought pray also for relatives and benefactors, to whom he is bound by some special tie, and for enemies and persecutors [Mat. 5:44, Rom. 12:14], whose conversion and salvation he ought earnestly desire, and for those afflicted and suffering hardship, whose misfortunes should move his soul. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.79)

Catechism - Confession, Question Two

#13 Part III: Chapter V. Prayer for the Preservation and Increase of Humility

(Continued from Epiphany One) You have placed a treasure chest of Your gifts in the shrine of my heart. You have placed in that treasure gifts, traits, and abilities of Your choosing and number. Far be it from me to take credit for them, or claim to have deserved them, for I am unworthy. Kindle by Your Spirit the flame of piety and charity in my heart. Grant, I ask, that I be able to cover my heart with the ashes of humility. How insignificant is that praise which one man glorifies another? The one who is great in Your sight, O greatest Creator, is truly great. He who is pleasing to You is pleasing to the One who assigns a value to all things. But no one is pleasing to You unless he is displeasing to himself.

You are the Life of my life. You are the Soul of my soul. Therefore I leave my life and soul in Your hands and cling to You completely, with a humble heart. May Your eminence regard my lowliness. May Your highness regard my worthlessness [Psa. 113:4-7]. Oh why do I so desire to be praised by the world, since nothing in it is pure? Why do I glorify myself so much, since the yoke of sin so oppressively weighs me down? May a holy fear pierce my heart like a spike, so it will not be puffed up with the most dangerous illness, spiritual pride. May my countless sins ever be before my eyes, but may my good works, whatever sort they are, be forgotten. I am troubled by the memory of my sins more than I am pleased by the glory of any impure or imperfect good work which I have done. In You alone I rejoice and glory. You are my joy and glory for eternity, Amen. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.62-63)

Collect for Epiphany Two

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in Heaven and Earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:74)
Jesus Turns Water into Wine in John 2:1-11

Week of Christmas Two: January 5, 2025

Psalm 89

Hymn – “The Newborn Child This Early Morn” (Augustana SBH #8)

Daily Readings –

5 Sunday 10:15 AM	Second Sunday after Christmas	
	Genesis 46:1-7, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 2:13-23	
	Luke 3:1-9	Isa 12:1-6

#10 Part Three: Concerning Meditation on Our Need.

Meditation on our need shows us that of ourselves we possess nothing which is spiritually good, and therefore, it teaches us to reject all faith in our own powers. It teaches us to flee to our only help, the divine mercy promised to us on account of Christ. When we consider all our many needs, our heart is raised to God. It asks Him to put to death the old man and to renew the new man. These works of God are needed daily by all those who have been reborn. This renovation consists of faith, hope, love, humility, patience, long-suffering, chastity, and the preservation and increase of all the other good qualities. We are to seek these from God with earnest prayers. Every day we are assaulted by the flesh, the world, and Satan. Every day our flesh incites us to love earthly things. Every day the world assaults us with its hatred, and Satan batters us with his plots. Therefore, we must pray daily to the Lord of Hosts, our highest Judge, to give us contempt for the world, denial of self, victory over the world, preservation in all difficult situations, true peace for the soul, victory in temptations, and preservation from the plots of the devil. Finally, since in the hour of death and judgment the help of God is needed by us above all else, we must humbly pray every day for a blessed end to this life and for a blessed resurrection unto eternal life. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.55)

Collect for Christmas Two

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland, mercifully grant that we poor sinners who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may finally come to our true home and fatherland, to live in joy and glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (I:24)
Herod Slaughters the Bethlehem Babies in Matthew 2



Ottheinrich Bible 1430 (III:10)
Woman Anoints Jesus in Luke 7:36-50

Week of Epiphany Two: January 19-25, 2025

Psalm 34 / Psalm 16

Hymn – Happy the Man Who Feareth God (Augustana SBH #11)

Daily Readings –

19 Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Henry of Finland, Martyr Daniel 3:59-92(LXX), 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Matthew 16:24-27	
	10:15 AM	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Deut 18:15-19, Romans 12:6-16a, John 2:1-11	
20 Monday		Matthew 4:18-25	Genesis 17:1-22
21 Tuesday		Matthew 5:1-9	Genesis 18:1-33
22 Wednesday		Matthew 5:27-48	Genesis 19:1-29
		No Learn-by-Heart or Catechesis	
23 Thursday		Matthew 6:1-23	Genesis 21:1-8
24 Friday		Matthew 7:1-14	Genesis 24:1-28
	10:30 AM	St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor Ezekiel 34:11-16, 1 Peter 5:1-4, John 21:15-17	
25 Saturday		Matthew 7:24-29	Genesis 24:29-67
	7:00 PM	The Conversion of St. Paul Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 9:1-22, Mt 19:27-30	

Catechism - Confession, Question One

Week of Epiphany One: January 12-18, 2025

Psalms 67 / Psalm 86

Hymn – Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men (Augustana SBH #10)

Daily Readings –

12 Sunday 10:15 AM	First Sunday after the Epiphany Isaiah 61:1-3, Romans 12:1-5, Luke 2:41-52	
13 Monday	John 1:29-34	Gen 8:1-22
14 Tuesday	John 1:35-42	Gen 11:1-9
15 Wednesday 6:30 PM	John 1:43-51	Gen 12:1-20
16 Thursday	Catechesis on John 2:1-11	
17 Friday	Luke 4:1-13	Gen 13:1-18
18 Saturday 7:00 PM	Mark 1:12-15	Gen 14:8-24
	Matt 4:12-17	Gen 15:1-21
	Vespers on Confession of St. Peter Ac 2:22-24, 32-33, 1 Pt 1:1-9, Mt 16:13-19	

#12 Part III: Chapter V. Prayer for the Preservation and Increase of Humility

Omnipotent and merciful God, You bitterly hate all arrogance. Help me to be a rose of charity and a violet of humility, so that I may spread a fragrant smell by works of love and think humbly of myself. What am I in Your sight, O Lord? Dust, ashes, a shadow, nothing. Therefore, since I am nothing in Your sight, grant that I consider myself nothing in my own eyes. Push back the inborn, swelling pride of my heart that I receive the dew of heavenly grace. For the rivers of Your grace do not ascend up lofty mountains; rather, they flow down to the low-lying valleys of the humble heart. I have nothing but weaknesses and transgressions. Whatever is good in me has come down to me from the font of Your goodness. I can claim for myself nothing whatsoever which is good, since in and of myself I have nothing good. The more highly I think of You, the more unworthy I must consider myself. Far, far be it from me, O kindest Lord, to be arrogant concerning the gifts You have given me and despise others because of them. *(Continued on Epiphany Two)* (from *The Daily Exercise of Piety* by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.62-63)

Collect for Epiphany One

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Catechism - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Fourth Question

Epiphany of Our Lord: January 6, 2025

Psalms 96 / Psalm 72

Hymn – Now Sing We, Now Rejoice (Augustana SBH #9)

Daily Readings –

6 Monday 7:00 PM	Church undecorating, 6 PM The Epiphany of Our Lord – Divine Service <i>(with burning of Christmas Tree following service)</i> Isaiah 49:1-7, Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12	
	Luke 3:10-14	Gen 1:1-31
7 Tuesday	Luke 3:15-20	Gen 2:1-25
8 Wednesday 6:30 PM	Mark 1:1-8	Gen 4:1-26
	Catechesis on John 2:1-11	
9 Thursday	Mark 1:9-11	Gen 5:1-32
10 Friday	Luke 3:21, 22	Gen 6:9-22
11 Saturday	Luke 3:23-38	Gen 7:1-24

#11 Part III: Chapter I. A Prayer for the Putting to Death of the Old Man

O holy and merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg You in the Holy Spirit, for the sake of Your Son, to powerfully work in me and put to death the old man. I need this every day so that I can be made strong in You according to the inner man. Sin dwells in my flesh [Rom. 7:17]. Give to me the strength of the Spirit, so I will not allow it to rule me [Rom. 6:12]. You set my hidden sins in the light of Your countenance [Psa. 90:8]. I ask that You place them in the light in my heart, so that I may recognize them and regret them, and humbly seek their forgiveness. I am not yet completely free from the indwelling of sin. Please be gracious, I ask, and grant me freedom from the guilt and condemnation of sin. The law of sin in my members is warring against the law of my renewed mind [Rom. 7:23]. Give me the grace of Your Spirit so that I may take captive the law of sin, and not be captive to the old law of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh [Gal. 5:17]. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak [Mat. 26:41]. Give to my spirit, therefore, great power and strength, so that it may overcome the depraved lusts which battle in my flesh. That whoring Delilah attacks me every day with her flatteries [Jud. 16:6]. Strengthen my inner man by Your Spirit [Eph. 3:16] so that she cannot break his powers. Oh how incredibly difficult and hard it is to fight against one's self! When I fight the flesh I am fighting myself! How difficult and arduous it is to remove an enemy from one's own home!

Unless You clothe me with heavenly strength in this war, I am afraid that I will certainly be defeated because of the hidden plots of the enemy. Strike down, burn, cut, and kill the old man, so that I can flee from his flattering fraud and seduction. Grant that daily I die unto myself, so the allurements of the flesh will not draw me away from the true life which is in Christ. In flame the fire of the Spirit in my heart, so that I may offer to You as a sacrifice the beloved son of my soul, depraved lusts and my own will. Flesh and blood cannot receive the inheritance of the kingdom of God [1 Cor. 15:50]. May they die in me, so I will not be excluded from the kingdom of heaven! Those who live according to the flesh will die; those who by the Spirit kill the deeds of the flesh will live [Rom. 8:13]. Those who belong to Christ crucify the flesh with its desires [Gal. 5:24]. Pierce and crucify my flesh, O Christ pierced and crucified on the altar of the cross for me! Amen.

On the festival of Epiphany you heard that it was so called on account of the manifestation of Christ, which occurred that the new-born Babe might not be unknown, but revealed; for if we had not heard of His birth, it would have been of no avail. Hence it is that during these days we preach also upon other Gospel lessons which refer to the manifestation of Christ. Thus we use the one relating to Christ's Baptism in the Jordan by John, and also the one which speaks of His first miracle, performed at the marriage at Cana, where He manifested Himself as Lord over all. These manifestations took place not only that Jesus should be known among men, but also that He might be acknowledged and praised as One who is more than human, born to have dominion over everything; and also that we should recognize Him as our Savior, upon whom we can depend in every distress and anxiety, and from whom we can obtain our help.
(The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.56-57)

Collect for The Epiphany of Our Lord

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**



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The Wise Men Visit the Baby Jesus in Matthew 2