



## ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Second Sunday after Christmas  
3 - 9 January 2021

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 385 - From East to West*

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

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
Sun.	Isaiah 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
Mon.	Isaiah 63:15-65:2	Luke 2:41-52
Tues.	Isaiah 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20
Wed.	Isaiah 66:1-20	Luke 3:21-38
Thu.	Ezekiel 1:1-14,22-28	Romans 1:1-17
Fri.	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11	Romans 1:18-32
Sat.	Ezekiel 3:12-27	Romans 2:1-16

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

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

### ✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Second Sunday after Christmas

**Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



## BOOK OF CONCORD READING

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas*

#### *Augsburg Confession, Article III, Paragraph 38.*

#### *[III. Concerning the Son of God]*

Likewise, it is taught that God the Son became a human being, born of the pure Virgin Mary, and that the two natures, the divine and the human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ. He is true God and true human being who truly “was born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried” in order both to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to conciliate God’s wrath. Moreover, the same Christ “descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, is sitting at the right hand of God” in order to rule and reign forever over all creatures, so that through the Holy Spirit he may make holy, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in him, also distribute to them life and various gifts and benefits, and shield and protect them against the devil and sin. Finally, the same Lord Christ “will come” in full view of all “to judge the living and the dead...,” according to the Apostles’ Creed.

(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 Baptism of our Lord**

**10 January 2021**

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 - **Isaiah 42:1-7**

1. Who is speaking in this passage (through the prophet Isaiah)? About whom is He speaking?
2. How does this passage from Isaiah describe our Lord Jesus Christ? What will He bring forth for the Gentiles, that is, all of us who are not Jewish by birth?
3. As a "light to the Gentiles" what would Jesus do? Read John 9.

## PSALMODY - **Psalms 45**

1. Psalm 45 is a song about a royal wedding. Who is the King? Who is His bride?
2. What comfort is there in thinking of Jesus as the King who marries His bride the Church?

## EPISTLE - **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

1. What kinds of things does God choose to work with to "shame the wise"?
2. How is Jesus' birth "foolish" and "weak"? How is His baptism "foolish" and "weak"?
3. How are the preaching of the Gospel, Baptism, Absolution, or the Lord's Supper "foolish" and "weak" in the eyes of many?
4. What comfort do you find in the fact that God works in ways opposite to worldly wisdom?

## HOLY GOSPEL - **Matthew 3:13-17**

1. What kind of people need to be baptized (or cleansed)?
2. What is Jesus' stated reason for being baptized? How does 2 Corinthians 5:21 help us understand Jesus' words?
3. How were all three Persons of the Holy Trinity present at Jesus' baptism?
4. How are They present at our baptisms?
5. In your Baptism God says basically the same thing that He said to His Son Jesus: "You are my beloved son/daughter, in whom I am well pleased." How does this strengthen and prepare you for daily life?