



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Sexagesima
7 - 13 February 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
Noon *LSB*, p. 296

Early Evening *LSB*, p. 297
Close of the Day *LSB*, p. 298

✠ HYMN *LSB 824 - May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
Mon.	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
Tues.	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
Wed.	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22-4:6
Thu.	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
Fri.	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45
Sat.	Job 9:1-35	John 4:46-54

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Sexagesima

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

5 Feb. – Jacob (Israel), *Patriarch*

10 Feb. – Silas, *Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul*

13 Feb. – Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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GOD PLANTS THE WORD

God works through means – His Word proclaimed and His Sacraments given out. Through these instruments He works saving faith. This from the Large Catechism on the Third Commandment (1:95-101):

Therefore this commandment is violated not only by those who grossly misuse and desecrate the holy day, like those who in their greed or frivolity neglect the hearing of God's Word or lie around in taverns dead drunk like swine. It is also violated by that other crowd who listen to God's Word as they would to any other entertainment, who only from force of habit go to hear the sermon and leave again with as little knowledge at the end of the year as at the beginning....

Let me tell you this. Even though you know the Word perfectly and have already mastered everything, you are daily under the dominion of the devil, and he does not rest day or night in seeking to take you unawares and to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against these three and all the other commandments. Therefore you must constantly keep God's Word in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. For where the heart stands idle and the Word is not heard, the devil breaks in and does his damage before we realize it. On the other hand, when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion, and it constantly creates clean hearts and minds. For this Word is not idle or dead, but effective and living.

(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

Quinquagesima ("50 Days")

14 February 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 35:3-7**

1. Why do you have "weak hands" and "feeble knees" when it comes to believing and living as a Christian? What makes you "fearful-hearted"?
2. According to this passage, what does God say to you in such a condition? How does that comfort you?
3. How does your gracious God open your eyes blinded by sin and your ears plugged by unbelief and fear? (Hint: Look to the Holy Gospel reading.)

PSALMODY - **Psalms 77**

1. How does the Psalm teach you to express your cares and troubles to your Savior God? What kinds of troubles do you learn to express here?
2. What verses and words give you comfort? How do those verses and words strengthen you in your Christian faith and life?

EPISTLE - **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

1. St. Paul first lists several "hallmarks" of the Christian life. Which one rises above them all for the good of the Church?
2. How does St. Paul define and describe "love"? Work on learning this section (verses 4-7) by heart. How do these verses teach Jesus Christ? (Hint: substitute the word "Christ" for the word "love" in this section.)
3. In verses 11-12 St. Paul talks about maturing as a Christian. In what ways have you *stayed* in childish ways, rather than maturing as a Christian? How does Christ's love prompt you to mature and grow? See also Hebrews 5:12-14.

HOLY GOSPEL - **Luke 18:31-43**

1. How does Jesus prepare His disciples for His impending death? How did they respond?
2. What cry did the blind man make? How is that your constant cry of faith in Christ?
3. How does Jesus want us to "see" Him? Hint: For what did Jesus prepare His disciples? How can you help other people to "see" Jesus in this same way?