



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 7
18 - 24 July 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 819 - Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	1 Samuel 1:21-2:17	Galatians 6:1-18
Mon.	1 Samuel 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41
Tues.	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 16:1-22
Wed.	1 Samuel 4:1-22	Acts 16:23-40
Thu.	1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16	Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
Fri.	1 Samuel 6:19-7:17	Acts 19:1-22
Sat.	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Acts 21:15-36

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 7

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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

20 July – Elijah

21 July – Ezekiel

22 July – St. Mary Magdalene

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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GOD OUR CREATOR

When Jesus feeds the 4000, He shows that He is the Lord of all creation. Along with His Father, our Lord gives us all things for our bodily and earthly needs. This from the Large Catechism (II:13-16):

What is meant by these words or what do you mean when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator,” etc.? Answer: I hold and believe that I am God’s creature, that is, that he has given me and constantly sustains my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, my reason and understanding, and the like; my food and drink, clothing, nourishment, spouse and children, servants, house and farm, etc. Besides, he makes all creation help provide the benefits and necessities of life—sun, moon, and stars in the heavens; day and night; air, fire, water, the earth and all that it yields and brings forth; birds, fish, animals, grain, and all sorts of produce. Moreover, he gives all physical and temporal blessings—good government, peace, security. Thus we learn from this article that none of us has life—or anything else that has been mentioned here or can be mentioned—from ourselves, nor can we by ourselves preserve any of them, however small and unimportant. All this is comprehended in the word “Creator.”

(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

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

25 July 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.

FIRST READING – **Jeremiah 23:16-29**

1. To what kind of prophets is God talking? For what reasons does God speak so harshly to these prophets? List them on a piece of paper.
2. What does God say will come to these prophets?
3. Where do we see and hear false prophets today? How do we hear the messages of false prophets in Jeremiah’s day in our own day?
4. Why does God want to warn us against false prophets? What’s at stake? See Galatians 1:6-10.

PSALMODY – **Psalm 1**

1. What are the two ways outlined in the Psalm? What characterizes the “just man”? What characterizes the “ungodly”?
2. How does this Psalm comfort you since you delight in God’s “law” (Word)? How does this Psalm help you view your life and activities as either God pleasing or ungodly?

EPISTLE – **Acts 20:27-38**

1. St. Paul describes false prophets as “wolves” who come into God’s flock. Why should Christians watch out for such “wolves”?
2. What comforting promise does St. Paul give to the pastors to whom he is speaking? How does that comfort you, a member of Jesus’ flock?
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26 for St. Paul’s inspired wisdom in dealing with false prophets.

HOLY GOSPEL – **Matthew 7:15-23**

1. According to our Lord Jesus, how can we tell who is a false prophet?
2. Just because someone claims to preach and speak on behalf of Jesus, does that make it truly so? Why or why not? What does Jesus say?
3. What message will any *true* prophet give you? See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Galatians 2:20-21.