



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 8
25 - 31 July 2021

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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 745 - In God, My Faithful God*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	1 Samuel 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16
Mon.	1 Samuel 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
Tues.	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11
Wed.	1 Samuel 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
Thu.	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9	Acts 24:1-23
Fri.	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12
Sat.	1 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 8

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

- 25 July – St. James the Elder, Apostle
- 28 July – Johann Sebastian Bach, *Kantor*
- 29 July – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany
- 30 July – Robert Barnes, *Confessor and Martyr*
- 31 July – Joseph of Arimathea

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

Our Lord warns us to watch out for false prophets, because they can come into the Church looking like innocent sheep, but they only lead God's people away from His true message of comfort and life. This from the Augsburg Confession (28:21-26).

Consequently, according to divine right it is the office of the bishop to preach the gospel, to forgive sin, to judge doctrine and reject doctrine that is contrary to the gospel, and to exclude from the Christian community the ungodly whose ungodly life is manifest—not with human power but with God's Word alone. That is why parishioners and churches owe obedience to bishops, according to this saying of Christ (Luke 10[:16]): "Whoever listens to you listens to me." But whenever they teach, institute, or introduce something contrary to the gospel, we have God's command in such a case not to be obedient (Matt. 7[:15]): "Beware of false prophets." And St. Paul in Galatians 1[:8]: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed!" And in 2 Corinthians 13[:8]: "For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth."

(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

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

1 August 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 – 2 Samuel 22:26-34

1. What does God do with the humble people? What does He do with the haughty (proud) people?
2. What descriptions does David use of God? How are these helpful descriptions to you?
3. Sing or read the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LW 297 or 298) as you ponder how God is your rock, your strength and power.

PSALMODY – Psalm 54

1. How does God save you? How does He vindicate you? (Look carefully at the language of the Psalm.)
2. When the Psalms talk about oppressors or enemies, it is wise to know what enemies or oppressors are meant in the Biblical context. For King David (who wrote this Psalm), his enemies were opposed to God. Who are our enemies? See 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Peter 5:8-9.
3. According to the Psalm, who exactly will take care of the enemies? How does this comfort you as you constantly face your “oppressors”?

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

1. St. Paul says, “Now these things became our examples.” What things? Read verses 1-5 before our text for the answer, and the context.
2. What purpose does St. Paul give for the errant and faithless ways of ancient Israel? How do you learn from their “poor example”?
3. What comfort do you find that God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear? What is the way of escape? See Hebrews 4:14-16.

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 16:1-9

1. The shrewd manager used his current position for a future purpose. How can we use our current, earthly money and possessions for eternal, heavenly purposes?
2. In the Bible a steward owned absolutely nothing. He merely *managed* what belonged to his master. How does this teach you to view your own possessions and money? See Psalm 24:1; James 1:16-18.