



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 11
15 - 21 August 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 559 - Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion*

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

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
Sun.	2 Samuel 5:1-25	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mon.	2 Samuel 6:1-19	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
Tues.	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
Wed.	2 Samuel:7:18-29	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
Thu.	2 Samuel 11:1-27	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Fri.	2 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
Sat.	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Corinthians 12:14-31

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 11

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

15 August – St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

16 August – Isaac

17 August – Johann Gerhard, *Theologian*

19 August – Bernard of Clairvaux, *Hymnwriter and Theologian*

20 August – Samuel

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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FAITH THAT JUSTIFIES

The tax collector went home justified not because he trusted his own life or goodness, but because he trusted God's mercy in Jesus Christ. This from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV:48-50:

But the faith that justifies is not only a knowledge of history; it is to assent to the promise of God, in which forgiveness of sins and justification are bestowed freely on account of Christ. To avoid the suspicion that it is merely knowledge, we will add further that to have faith is to desire and to receive the offered promise of the forgiveness of sins and justification.

It is easy to determine the difference between this faith and the righteousness of the law. Faith is that worship which receives the benefits that God offers; the righteousness of the law is that worship which offers God our own merits. God wants to be honored by faith so that we receive from him those things that he promises and offers.

But faith signifies not merely a knowledge of history but the faith which assents to the promise, as Paul clearly testifies when he says [Rom. 4:16] righteousness “depends on faith, in order that the promise may...be guaranteed.” He realizes that the promise cannot be received in any other way than by faith.

(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

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

22 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 – Isaiah 29:17-24

1. What does the Lord promise to do for the deaf? For the blind? Is Isaiah talking about physical deafness/blindness or spiritual deafness/blindness? How can you tell from this passage?
2. In verse 24, what promise do you have for when you don’t understand something in God’s Word?

PSALMODY – Psalm 146

1. According to the Psalm, in whom are we *not* to put our trust?
2. What reasons does the Psalm give for trusting in and praising God?
3. How does the Lord’s gift of freedom and open eyes help you in your faith? In learning God’s Word?

EPISTLE – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

1. St. Paul says that his sufficiency comes from _____. Where does your sufficiency as a Christian come from? Where does your pastor’s sufficiency come from?
2. St. Paul speaks of the “ministry of death.” Here he’s talking about the Law. How does God’s Law (Ten Commandments) serve up a heaping portion of death? (That is, how does God’s Law kill you in your sin?)
3. The “ministry of righteousness” is the Gospel—the Good News of God’s forgiveness of your sins in Jesus. How is this glorious? How does it give you life?

HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 7:31-37

1. Try to find the Decapolis and the Sea of Galilee on map in your Bible.
2. What message was Jesus sending when He put His fingers in the man’s ears and when He spat and touched the man’s tongue?
3. What stops up your ears to hearing God’s Word? How does Jesus open your ears to hear His message of love and forgiveness?
4. What binds your tongue from singing His praises and speaking His goodness to other people? How does Jesus loose (free) your tongue for these purposes? What do you say to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus’ healing in heart and faith?