



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 16
19 - 25 September 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 552 - O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Flesh*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Nehemiah 2:11-20;4:1-6	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Mon.	Nehemiah 4:7-23	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Tues.	Nehemiah 5:1-16;6:1-9, 15-16	1 Timothy 4:1-16
Wed.	Nehemiah 7:1-4, 8:1-18	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Thu.	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
Fri.	Nehemiah 9:22-38	1 Timothy 6:3-21
Sat.	Malachi 1:1-14	Matthew 3:1-17

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 16

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

21 September – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

22 September – Jonah

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 16

GOD RAISES US FROM THE DEAD IN THE CHURCH

Our Lord promises that He is the one who raises us up from the dead, by giving us His Word and bringing us into the Christian Church. From the Book of Concord, Large Catechism, Part II, Art. III:

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy Christian church, the community of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

To this article, as I have said, I cannot give a better title than “Being Made Holy.” In it are expressed and portrayed the Holy Spirit and his office, which is that he makes us holy. Therefore, we must concentrate on the term “HOLY SPIRIT,” because it is so precise that we can find no substitute for it. Many other kinds of spirits are mentioned in Scripture, such as the human spirit, heavenly spirits, and the evil spirit. But God’s Spirit alone is called a Holy Spirit, that is, the one who has made us holy and still makes us holy. As the Father is called a Creator and the Son is called a Redeemer, so on account of his work the Holy Spirit must be called a Sanctifier, or one who makes us holy. How does such sanctifying take place? Answer: Just as the Son obtains dominion by purchasing us through his birth, death, and resurrection, etc., so the Holy Spirit effects our being made holy through the following: the community of saints or Christian church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. That is, he first leads us into his holy community, placing us in the church’s lap, where he preaches to us and brings us to Christ.

(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

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

29 September 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 – **Proverbs 25:6-14**

1. The theme of Trinity 17 is humility toward our neighbor. Note the various ways that this reading from Proverbs 25 teaches humility.
2. What might happen if you try to “exalt yourself in the presence of the king” (or some other “great” person)?
3. Proverbs says, “Do not go hastily to court.” How does this show humility?
4. Look at the marvelous picture of “a word fitly spoken.” How does this help you choose your words in a careful and humble way?

PSALMODY – **Psalm 33**

1. This psalm calls us to “rejoice in the LORD” because “His work is done in truth.” How did God make the heavens and the earth?
2. According to the psalm what is the best (and really only) response to this work of God?
3. How does this psalm teach us to live in humility?

EPISTLE – **Ephesians 4:1-6**

1. With what words does St. Paul exhort us to live in humility?
2. How does walking in humility foster the unity of the Church?
3. What happens to the unity of Christ’s one Church when Christians decide to walk in pride and exalt themselves?
4. Notice that St. Paul states a matter of fact: “There is one body and one Spirit....” How is the Church “one”? What do we mean when we confess “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” (Nicene Creed)?

HOLY GOSPEL – **Luke 14:1-11**

1. How did the Pharisees show pride toward the man with dropsy? How did Jesus Himself show humility?
2. Why did the Pharisees not answer Jesus question about the Sabbath Day?
3. In Jesus’ parable, what might happen if you presume to take a place of honor at a banquet? Why should you take the “lowest place”?
4. How does this parable teach the Truth of God’s Kingdom? (Hint: See the last verse of this reading.)