



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 20
17 - 23 October 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 *We Are Called to Stand Together*

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

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
Sun.	Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22	Matthew 13:44-58
Mon.	Deuteronomy 17:1-20	Matthew 14:1-21
Tues.	Deuteronomy 18:1-22	Matthew 14:22-36
Wed.	Deuteronomy 19:1-20	Matthew 15:1-20
Thu.	Deuteronomy 20:1-20	Matthew 15:21-39
Fri.	Deuteronomy 21:1-23	Matthew 16:1-12
Sat.	Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10	Matthew 16:13-28

✠ APOSTLES' CREED - LSB, inside back cover

✠ LORD'S PRAYER - LSB, inside back cover

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 20

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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

17 October – Ignatius of Antioch, *Pastor and Martyr*

18 October – St. Luke, Evangelist

23 October – St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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FOOD OF THE SOUL

Jesus meal of Body and Blood nourishes us in His forgiveness.

From the *Large Catechism* (V:23-27):

Therefore, [the Lord's Supper] is appropriately called food of the soul, for it nourishes and strengthens the new creature. For in the first instance, we are born anew through baptism. However, our human flesh and blood, as I have said, have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and attacks of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint and at times even stumble. Therefore the Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and sustenance so that our faith may be refreshed and strengthened and that it may not succumb in the struggle but become stronger and stronger. For the new life should be one that continually develops and progresses. But it has to suffer a great deal of opposition. The devil is a furious enemy; when he sees that we resist him and attack the old creature, and when he cannot rout us by force, he sneaks and sulks about at every turn, trying all kinds of tricks, and does not stop until he has finally worn us out so that we either renounce our faith or lose heart and become indifferent or impatient. For times like these, when our heart feels too sorely pressed, this comfort of the Lord's Supper is given to bring us new strength and refreshment.

(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

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

24 October 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 – Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. Notice the first action word of the Bible: “God *created*...” This word is used only of God; only God can create, and be creative. When God creates, He creates *out of nothing*.
2. Outline the creation story. What did God create on each of the first six days of time? How do they fit together & show God as a God of order?
3. Review the *Small Catechism* on the First Article of the Creed. What does God’s original creation (Gen. 1-2) mean for you (Catechism)?
4. How does all of this differ from the religion called “evolution” that pervades our schools and culture?

PSALMODY – Psalm 119:105-112

1. What does the Psalm say about God’s Word?
2. What is most important for the psalmist as he is afflicted or as the wicked ensnare him? How does this apply to you when you are afflicted?
3. What causes the psalmist’s heart to rejoice? How can you say the same thing?

EPISTLE – Ephesians 6:10-17

1. What imagery is St. Paul using in this passage?
2. What purpose does St. Paul give for putting on the whole armor of God? (Hint: look for words that are repeated for emphasis.)
3. How does this help you stand firm in the faith when Satan attacks?

HOLY GOSPEL – John 4:46-54

1. What problem confronts Jesus in this passage? What request did the nobleman make of Jesus? How did Jesus answer this request?
2. Did the nobleman trust what he heard from Jesus or what he saw?
3. Which do you trust more— what you hear from Jesus (in worship, Bible study, personal & family devotions) or what you see (joys and sorrows) in the world and in your life?