



❖ DAILY PRAYER ❖

**Baptism of Our Lord
8 - 14 January 2023**

**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*
Noon *LSB, p. 296*

Early Evening *LSB, p. 297*
Close of the Day *LSB, p. 298*

❖ HYMN *LSB 406 - To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11	Romans 1:18-32
Mon.	Ezekiel 3:12-27	Romans 2:1-16
Tues.	Ezekiel 18:1-4,19-32	Romans 2:17-29
Wed.	Ezekiel 33:1-20	Romans 3:1-18
Thu.	Ezekiel 34:1-24	Romans 3:19-31
Fri.	Ezekiel 36:13-28	Romans 4:1-25
Sat.	Ezekiel 36:33-37:14	Romans 5:1-21

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

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

❖ PRAYERS

Collect for Baptism of Our Lord

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ; our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

10 January – Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus,
and Gregory of Nyssa, *Pastors and Confessors*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Baptism of Our Lord

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

On this day when we celebrate our Lord's Baptism, we can also think of our own Baptism. When Jesus was baptized, He was standing in our place as well as purifying the water that washes us. This reading comes from the Large Catechism on Baptism (IV:23-25):

In the second place, because we now know what baptism is and how it is to be regarded, we must also learn why and for what purpose it has been instituted, that is, what benefits, gifts, and effects it brings. Nor can we better understand this than from the words of Christ quoted above, "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved." This is the simplest way to put it: the power, effect, benefit, fruit, and purpose of baptism is that it saves. For no one is baptized in order to become a prince but, as the words say, "to be saved." To be saved, as everyone well knows, is nothing else than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil to enter into Christ's kingdom, and to live with him forever.

(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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

15 January 2023

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 – **Exodus 33:12-23**

1. What concern did Moses have as God told him to lead the Israelites through the wilderness? What request did Moses make of God?
2. How do you wrestle with God’s plan, or will, for you? How would a clear manifestation of God’s presence help you?
3. Summarize God’s answer to Moses. How did God choose to reveal Himself to Moses?
4. How does God reveal Himself to us in the Church? (Hint: They are hidden ways at the heart of the Church’s life.)

PSALMODY – **Psalms 66**

1. How do the words of the Psalm describe the works of God? What kind of works are they?
2. The Psalm talks about how God refines and tests us. How does He test you and refine you in faith toward Him? What comfort do you have in the midst of such refining? See Romans 5:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:13; and 1 Peter 1:3-9.

EPISTLE – **Ephesians 5:22-33**

1. This passage talks about wives and husbands and God’s plan for marriage. How does verse 21 set the proper tone and context?
2. How do these verses teach and glorify the calling of a Christian wife? How do they teach and lift up the calling of a Christian husband?
3. Describe how Christ is at the center of God’s plan for marriage.
4. How is marriage a good picture or description of Christ and His Church?

HOLY GOSPEL – **John 2:1-11**

1. Why would Jesus be at a wedding? How does it comfort you to think of Jesus celebrating and enjoying the festivities at this wedding?
2. The wedding couple in the story ran out of wine—a huge social mistake! How did Jesus resolve the dilemma?
3. What does it mean that Jesus provided the “best wine”?
4. What did Jesus manifest at this wedding banquet? Where does Jesus manifest this among us? (Hint: Think banquet.) See Matthew 26:26-28.