



❖ DAILY PRAYER ❖

Epiphany 2
15 - 21 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

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| Morning | LSB, p. 295 | Early Evening | LSB, p. 297 |
| Noon | LSB, p. 296 | Close of the Day | LSB, p. 298 |

❖ HYMN *LSB 402 - The Only Son from Heaven*

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

| | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>New Testament</u> |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sun. | Ezekiel 37:15-28 | Romans 6:1-23 |
| Mon. | Ezekiel 38:1-23 | Romans 7:1-20 |
| Tues. | Ezekiel 39:1-10,17-29 | Romans 7:21-8:17 |
| Wed. | Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12 | Romans 8:18-39 |
| Thu. | Ezekiel 44:1-16,23-29 | Romans 9:1-18 |
| Fri. | Ezekiel 47:1-14,21-23 | Romans 9:19-33 |
| Sat. | Joel 1:1-20 | Romans 10:1-21 |

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

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

❖ PRAYERS

Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

18 Jan. – The Confession of St. Peter

20 Jan. – Sarah

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Epiphany 2

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

On this day Jesus turns the water of purification into the wine of gladness. In the Sacrament of the Altar our Lord gives us the wine of gladness which is His blood shed for us for forgiveness of sins and life with God. His blood is our wine of gladness that purifies us! This from the Large Catechism on the Sacrament of the Altar (V:23-25):

Therefore, it 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.

(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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

22 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 – **2 Kings 5:1-15a**

1. What illness did Naaman have? How does his illness illustrate our greater illness of sin?
2. Who told Naaman & his wife about the prophet in Israel? How does this encourage you in bearing witness to Jesus the Great Prophet who saves us?
3. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do to be healed of his illness? Why did Naaman get upset and scorn Elisha's promised cure?
4. Naaman's cleansing is but a preview of something greater to come in the New Testament. What is that greater healing? Look up Acts 2:38-39; 1 Peter 3:18-21 and Titus 3:5.

PSALMODY – **Psalm 121**

1. List the various words or phrases in the Psalm that talk about God protecting you. How does this Psalm comfort you in time of distress?
2. This Psalm was probably sung as people went to the Temple for worship. How does God protect and preserve you in worship at His holy place of Word and Sacraments?

EPISTLE – **Romans 12:16-21**

1. St. Paul talks about fruits of God's love in Christ. How does He manifest these fruits in your life? How do you fall short of doing what St. Paul talks about? How does Jesus' forgiveness help you do these things?

HOLY GOSPEL – **Matthew 8:1-13**

1. What did the leper ask of Jesus? How is this your prayer as well?
2. When Jesus touched the man, He not only healed him, but also identified with him. How does Jesus identify with us? Read Isaiah 53:4-6.
3. What did the centurion ask of Jesus? How did Jesus respond? How did the centurion react to that?
4. In what did the centurion trust? See verse 8. What can you learn from this?
5. Not only does Jesus heal the body; He also restores the soul. How does this comfort you?