



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Holy Week
2 - 8 April 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	Early Evening	LSB, p. 297
Noon	LSB, p. 296	Close of the Day	LSB, p. 298

✠ HYMN *LSB 442 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Exodus 8:1-32	Hebrews 1:1-14
Mon.	Exodus 9:1-28	Hebrews 2:1-18
Tues.	Exodus 9:29 – 10:20	Hebrews 3:1-19
Wed.	Exodus 10:21 – 11:10	Hebrews 4:1-16
Thu.	Exodus 12:1-28	Hebrews 5:1-14
Fri.	Exodus 12:29-32, 13:1-16	Hebrews 6:1-20
Sat.	Exodus 13:17 – 14:9	Hebrews 7:1-22

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; 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

6 April – Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, *Artists*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Palm Sunday

CHRISTIAN SACRIFICES

The sacrifice of Christ on the cross leads us to make sacrifices of thanksgiving in our worship. This from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (XXIV:22-23, 25):

In point of fact there has been only one atoning sacrifice in the world, namely, the death of Christ, as the Letter to the Hebrews teaches when it says [10:4], “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” A little later [v. 10] it says about the will of Christ, “And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Isaiah, too, interprets the law to mean that the death of Christ—not the ceremonies of the law—is a real satisfaction or expiation for our sins. Thus he says [53:10], “When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days,” etc....

Now the rest are eucharistic sacrifices, which are called “sacrifices of praise,” namely, the preaching of the gospel, faith, prayer, thanksgiving, confession, the afflictions of the saints, and indeed, all the good works of the saints. These sacrifices are not satisfactions for those who offer them, nor can they be applied to others so as to merit the forgiveness of sins or reconciliation for others *ex opere operato*. They are performed by those who are already reconciled.

(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

The Resurrection of Our Lord

9 April 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 – **Job 19:23-27**

1. Look up and read what Job endured in Job 1-2. How does Job teach you to face the losses and suffering?
2. How does God’s gracious promise of resurrection pick him up and give him confidence in his Redeemer?
3. How certain is Job that his Redeemer lives? How certain are you?
4. Because of his living Redeemer, what does Job confidently expect to happen to him? How is this your confession of faith?

PSALMODY – **Psalms 118**

1. For what does the Psalm teach you to give thanks? (Note: If something in the Bible is repeated, especially within just a few verses, it must be important!)
2. How does the Good News of our Lord’s resurrection open the gates of righteousness?
3. Use this Psalm to teach you how properly to praise the Lord Christ for His victory over death.

EPISTLE – **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

1. The Passover was the meal God gave to the Israelites just before they were rescued from Egyptian slavery. Since Christ is your Passover, from what have you been set free?
2. What Meal do we Christians have to celebrate our new life in our Lord’s resurrection? See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

HOLY GOSPEL – **Mark 16:1-8**

1. The phrase “Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week” draws our attention to the First Day of creation. How is Jesus’ resurrection the dawn of God’s new creation for you? See 2 Corinthians 5:16-17.
2. How does the angels news of Jesus’ resurrection comfort and strengthen you in faith?
3. How can you ponder Jesus’ resurrection with amazement and faithful fear?