



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 2
16 - 22 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 471 – O Sons and Daughters of the King**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Exodus 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15
Mon.	Exodus 22:20 – 23:13	Luke 4:16-30
Tues.	Exodus 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
Wed.	Exodus 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
Thu.	Exodus 25:1-22	Luke 5:17-39
Fri.	Exodus 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19
Sat.	Exodus 32:1-14	Luke 6:20-38

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Easter 2

Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

20 April – Johannes Bugenhagen, *Pastor*

21 April – Anselm of Canterbury, *Theologian*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Easter 2

JESUS GIVES THE KEYS TO THE CHURCH

Jesus' resurrection from the dead brings life and forgiveness (absolution) to all. Jesus gave the keys of binding and loosing sins to the apostles and their successors, the pastors. In this way the gifts of Jesus' death and resurrection come to each believer individually. From the Small Catechism:

CONFESSION

How Christians should be taught to Confess.

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

Third Sunday of Easter

30 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 – Ezekiel 34:11-16

1. Who is the Shepherd of God’s people? How does this comfort you?
2. What things does the Shepherd of God’s people do to take care of His sheep?
3. How does your Good Shepherd do these things (take care of you) in the Divine Service every Sunday?

PSALMODY – Psalm 23

1. Try learning this Psalm by heart.
2. Who is your shepherd? In the words of the Psalm, what things does He do to take care of you?
3. Does following the Good Shepherd mean that life will be trouble-free? See verse 4.
4. What table does your Good Shepherd prepare for you here and now in the midst of your “enemies”? See Matthew 26:26-28. What table does He prepare for you in eternity? See Revelation 19:9.

EPISTLE – 1 Peter 2:21-25

1. How does St. Peter describe and proclaim the suffering of Christ?
2. What purpose does St. Peter give for Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection? See verse 24.
3. Who is “the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”?

HOLY GOSPEL – John 10:11-16

1. In His own words, what makes Jesus the “Good/Noble Shepherd”? What sets Him apart from a “hired hand” (“hireling”)?
2. How do you know your Good/Noble Shepherd, by seeing Him or by hearing Him? Why is this important? See Acts 1:9 and Romans 10:17.