



# ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 3  
23 - 29 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 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Exodus 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49
Mon.	Exodus 33:1-23	Luke 7:1-17
Tues.	Exodus 34:1-28	Luke 7:18-35
Wed.	Exodus 34:29 – 35:21	Luke 7:36-50
Thu.	Exodus 38:21 – 39:8, 22-23, 27-31	Luke 8:1-21
Fri.	Exodus 39:32 – 40:16	Luke 8:22-39
Sat.	Exodus 40:17-38	Luke 8:40-56

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

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

## ✠ PRAYERS

### Collect for Easter 3

**Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

24 April – Johann Walter, *Kantor*

25 April – St. Mark, Evangelist

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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## BOOK OF CONCORD READING

### *Easter 3*

#### HEARING THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*Christ our Lord says that His sheep hear His voice (John 10), and that by hearing His voice they receive eternal life. From the Augsburg Confession, Articles 14 and 15:*

#### ***[XIV. Concerning Church Government]***

Concerning church government it is taught that no one should publicly teach, preach, or administer the sacraments without a proper [public] call.

#### ***[XV. Concerning Church Regulations]***

Concerning church regulations made by human beings, it is taught to keep those that may be kept without sin and that serve to maintain peace and good order in the church, such as specific celebrations, festivals, etc. However, people are also instructed not to burden consciences with them as if such things were necessary for salvation. Moreover, it is taught that all rules and traditions made by human beings for the purpose of appeasing God and of earning grace are contrary to the gospel and the teaching concerning faith in Christ. That is why monastic vows and other traditions concerning distinctions of foods, days, and the like, through which people imagine they can earn grace and make satisfaction for sin, are good for nothing and contrary to the gospel.

(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

**Fourth 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 – Isaiah 40:25-31**

1. Isaiah urges us to lift up our eyes on high. What does the prophet of God want us to see (with the eyes of faith)?
2. What question did Jacob/Israel (God’s people) ask? How do you ask that question today?
3. What strength and comfort do you glean from this reading?

## **PSALMODY – Psalm 146**

1. Why is it not wise to put your trust in “princes,” that is, in mortal men – whether leaders of nations or loved ones of families?
2. In the words of the Psalm, for what do you learn to praise the LORD?
3. How does the LORD give freedom to the prisoners and sight to the blind? See Luke 4:16-21.

## **EPISTLE – 1 Peter 2:11-20**

1. In what ways are we (God’s baptized people) “sojourners and pilgrims” on earth? What specific things do you need to confess for being too much “at home” in the ways of the world?
2. Review the Small Catechism explanation on the Fourth Commandment.
3. How does God give you grace to honor and submit to governing authorities, even when they (the persons) are corrupt?

## **HOLY GOSPEL – John 16:16-22**

1. Why, in Jesus’ words, do we have sorrow? How does He promise to overcome that sorrow?
2. Since Jesus is absent from our sight, how does He dwell with us and comfort us in His Church? See Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 11:26.
3. Review the Small Catechism on the Seventh Petition of the Lord’s Prayer. Learn it by heart if you haven’t done so already.