



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 4

30 April – 6 May 2023

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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 483 – With High Delight Let Us Unite*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36	Luke 9:1-17
Mon.	Leviticus 9:1-24	Luke 9:18-36
Tues.	Leviticus 10:1-10	Luke 9:37-62
Wed.	Leviticus 16:1-24	Luke 10:1-22
Thu.	Leviticus 17:1-16	Luke 10:23-42
Fri.	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20–19:8	Luke 11:1-13
Sat.	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Easter 4

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

1 May – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

2 May – Athanasius of Alexandria, *Pastor and Confessor*

4 May – Friedrich Wyneken, *Pastor and Missionary*

5 May – Frederick the Wise, *Christian Ruler*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Easter 4

GOD'S WILL IS DONE

We cannot fully see the joy that God has in store for us in Christ Jesus, because the devil still opposes and seeks to destroy the Christian. This from the Large Catechism on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer (III:65-67):

Therefore we who would be Christians must surely expect to have the devil with all his angels and the world as our enemies and must expect that they will inflict every possible misfortune and grief upon us. For where God's Word is preached, accepted, or believed, and bears fruit, there the holy and precious cross will also not be far behind. And let no one think that we will have peace; rather, we must sacrifice all we have on earth—possessions, honor, house and farm, spouse and children, body and life. Now, this grieves our flesh and the old creature, for it means that we must remain steadfast, suffer patiently whatever befalls us, and let go whatever is taken from us.

Therefore, there is just as much need here as in every other case to ask without ceasing: "Dear Father, your will be done and not the will of the devil or of our enemies, nor of those who would persecute and suppress your holy Word or prevent your kingdom from coming; and grant that we may bear patiently and overcome whatever we must suffer on its account, so that our poor flesh may not yield or fall away through weakness or sloth."

(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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 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 12:1-6**

1. Of what deeds of the Lord does Isaiah sing in verses 1-2? How does Christ fulfill these deeds of God’s salvation?
2. Here Isaiah teaches us how best to sing in the Church: we sing of the Lord’s deeds, not our own. How does our liturgy sing the Lord’s deeds of salvation? How do our hymns sing the Lord’s deeds?
3. What qualities of water are also good qualities of salvation? (For example, refreshing, abundant, etc.) How does God’s salvation in Christ provide abundant refreshment for you?
4. In verses 4-6, Isaiah sings of making known God’s deeds of salvation. How does this take place in our Sunday worship? How does it take place in your daily vocation (place in life)?

PSALMODY – **Psalms 66**

1. How does this Psalm express the deeds of the Lord’s salvation?
2. What comfort do you find in singing the Lord’s salvation? How can you bring other people in your life to sing the Lord’s saving deeds?

EPISTLE – **James 1:16-21**

1. Where does *every* good gift come from? How do you show that you do *not* believe this as you should? What is God’s most perfect gift to you? (See John 3:16-17 & Ephesians 2:1-10).
2. What does James exhort you to do as holy people recreated and enlivened in Christ? How do you fail at these things? How does Christ give you forgiveness and then strengthen you to live as James exhorts?

HOLY GOSPEL – **John 16:5-15**

1. As Jesus promises to leave His disciples, He also promises to send someone. Whom will He send? See also Acts 2:1-4.
2. According to Jesus, what is the Holy Spirit’s “job description”? (Hint: there are three parts to it.)
3. According to Jesus, how does the Holy Spirit work in His Church? See also 1 Corinthians 12:3; Titus 3:5-8; Acts 2:11; and Romans 10:17.