



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 5
7 - 13 May 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 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Leviticus 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54
Mon.	Leviticus 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
Tues.	Leviticus 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
Wed.	Leviticus 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
Thu.	Leviticus 24:1-23	Luke 12:54 – 13:17
Fri.	Leviticus 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35
Sat.	Leviticus 26:21-33, 39-44	Luke 14:1-24

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Easter 5

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

7 May – C.F.W. Walther, *Theologian*

9 May – Job

11 May – Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Easter 5

THE COMING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The work of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. From the Formula of Concord, Epitome, Article V:

1. We believe, teach, and confess that the distinction between law and gospel is to be preserved with great diligence in the church as an especially glorious light, through which the Word of God, in accord with Paul's admonition, is properly divided.

2. We believe, teach, and confess that the law is, strictly speaking, a divine teaching which gives instruction regarding what is right and God-pleasing and condemns everything that is sin and contrary to God's will.

3. Therefore, everything that condemns sin is and belongs to the proclamation of the law.

4. However, the gospel is, strictly speaking, the kind of teaching that reveals what the human being, who has not kept the law and has been condemned by it, should believe: that Christ has atoned and paid for all sins and apart from any human merit has obtained and won for people the forgiveness of sins, "the righteousness which avails before God," and eternal life.

5. However, because the word "gospel" is not used in just one sense in the Holy Scripture—the reason this dispute arose in the first place—we believe, teach, and confess that when the word "gospel" is used for the entire teaching of Christ, which he presented in his teaching ministry, as did his apostles in theirs (it is used in this sense in Mark 1[:15], Acts 20[:24]), then it is correct to say or to write that the gospel is a proclamation of both repentance and the forgiveness of sins.

(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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 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 – Numbers 21:4-9

1. What happened to the people of Israel on their journey in the wilderness? What did they do about it? How did the Lord respond?
2. What did the people do when they realized their sin before the LORD? How did this glorify God? See Joshua 7:19 & Psalm 32:1-5.
3. What did the LORD tell Moses to make in order to counteract the serpents’ poison? How does Christ fulfill this? (John 3:14-15).
4. How does this passage teach you to pray to your heavenly Father?

PSALMODY – Psalm 67

1. For what are you asking (praying) in this Psalm? What faith are you confessing in the words of this Psalm?
2. See the hymn “May God Embrace Us with His Grace” (LW 288; TLH 500). Compare the words of the hymn to the words of the Psalm. How does the hymn explain or magnify the Psalm?

EPISTLE – 1 Timothy 2:1-6

1. How many different words does St. Paul use for “prayer”? What does each of them mean? How are they different from each other?
2. For whom are we to pray? How do we benefit when we to pray for them?
3. What is God’s will for you? For all people? How does this passage teach you to proclaim God’s will with certainty?

HOLY GOSPEL – John 16:23-33

1. How does Jesus teach you to pray in this passage? How does Jesus teach you to pray in Luke 11:1-10?
2. What relationship does God give you that enables you to pray and be heard? Look carefully at verses 23-24. Also look up the *Small Catechism* explanation to the Introduction of the Lord’s Prayer.
3. God only hears the prayers of His children, that is, Christians. How does this help you see the importance of reaching out with the Gospel of Christ, and thus helping others become God’s children?