



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 6
14 – 20 May 2023

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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 766 – Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25 – 15:10
Mon.	Numbers 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tues.	Numbers 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wed.	Numbers 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thu.	Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Fri.	Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
Sat.	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Easter 6

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Easter 6

ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE

The words of Jesus from our Gospel reading remind us that because we have been baptized into Christ, we may approach our heavenly Father with all boldness and confidence. From the Large Catechism on the Lord's Prayer (III:26-27):

But where there is to be true prayer, there must be utter earnestness. We must feel our need, the distress that drives and impels us to cry out. Then prayer will come spontaneously, as it should, and no one will need to be taught how to prepare for it or how to create the proper devotion. This need, however, that ought to concern us—ours and everyone else's—is something you will find richly enough in the Lord's Prayer. Therefore it may serve to remind us and impress upon our hearts that we not neglect to pray. For we are all lacking plenty of things: all that is missing is that we do not feel or see them. God therefore wants you to lament and express your needs and concerns, not because he is unaware of them, but in order that you may kindle your heart to stronger and greater desires and open and spread your apron wide to receive many things.

(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 Ascension of Our Lord (Thursday)

18 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 – **2 Kings 2:5-15**

1. What did the sons of the prophets ask Elisha?
2. What did Elijah do before he and Elisha could cross the Jordan? Of what great events of salvation does this remind us? See Exodus 14:21-22, 30-31 and Joshua 3:14-17.
3. For what did Elisha ask his mentor, Elijah? What was Elijah’s response?
4. How was Elijah taken up to heaven? How does this prepare us for Christ’s ascension?
5. How did the work of Elijah continue through
6. the prophet Elisha?

PSALMODY – **Psalms 47**

1. This Psalm is about the kingship of God. How does it apply to Christ as we celebrate His ascension? See also Ephesians 1:15-23 and Philippians 2:9-11.

EPISTLE – **Acts 1:1-11**

1. Verses 1-3 refer back to the whole Gospel according to St. Luke. What did St. Luke set out to do in his “former account”? See Luke 1:1-4.
2. When Jesus was with His gathered disciples, what did *promise* them? How would Jesus fulfill this promise? See Acts 2:1-11.
3. The disciples wanted to see an earthly kingdom. How do we try to *see* the same thing in our time? What is Jesus’ response to them and to us (verses 7-8)?
4. How was Jesus taken up to heaven? What is important about the cloud? See Exodus 24:15-28; 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-12; and Luke 9:28-36.
5. Why is it important that the cloud received (or hid) Jesus out of sight? See Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; and Hebrews 11:1.

HOLY GOSPEL – **Mark 16:14-20**

1. What command does Jesus give to His Church? That is, what is His Church supposed to be doing now that He is ascended? See also Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47; and John 20:21-23.