



# ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Easter 7  
21 – 27 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 539 – Christ is the World’s Redeemer*

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

|       | Old Testament         | New Testament      |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sun.  | Numbers 14:1-25       | Luke 18:18-34      |
| Mon.  | Numbers 14:26-45      | Luke 18:35 – 19:10 |
| Tues. | Numbers 16:1-22       | Luke 19:11-28      |
| Wed.  | Numbers 16:23-40      | Luke 19:29-48      |
| Thu.  | Numbers 16:41 – 17:13 | Luke 20:1-18       |
| Fri.  | Numbers 20:1-21       | Luke 20:19-44      |
| Sat.  | Numbers 20:22 – 21:9  | Luke 20:45 – 21:19 |

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

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

## ✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Easter 7

**O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

21 May – Emperor Constantine, *Christian Ruler*, and Helena,  
*Mother of Constantine*

24 May – Esther

25 May – Bede the Venerable, *Theologian*

## ✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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# BOOK OF CONCORD READING

*Easter 7*

## THE CHARACTER OF EXCOMMUNICATION

*Our Lord reminds us in John 15:26-16:4 that there will be those who will seek earthly punishments for both good and evil deeds. The Church has no use for these secular punishments. True Christian excommunication does not admit Christians who have fallen into sin to the Lord's Supper. This from the Smalcald Articles, Part 3, Article 9:*

### **[9:] Concerning Excommunication**

We maintain that the “great” excommunication, as the pope calls it, is a purely secular penalty and does not concern us who serve the church. However, the “small” (that is, the truly Christian) excommunication is that public, obstinate sinners should not be admitted to the sacrament or other fellowship in the church until they improve their behavior and avoid sin. The preachers should not mix civil punishments together with this spiritual penalty or excommunication.

(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 Feast of Pentecost**

**28 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 – Genesis 11:1-9**

1. What was the condition of the whole earth at the time of our text?
2. “The land of Shinar” was probably in what we today call Iraq, very likely in the same area as the city of Baghdad.
3. What did the people in the land of Shinar want to do? What was their stated purpose for doing this? What did they fear?
4. How are we like them in what we do? In the purpose for our activities? In what we fear?
5. How did the Lord God respond to such arrogance? How does this story explain tensions and misunderstandings between nations and peoples even to our day?

## **PSALMODY – Psalm 104:1-2, 24-34**

1. What does this Psalm teach you about God’s work of creation? (List details from the Psalm).
2. What work does the Holy Spirit have in creation? See also Genesis 1:2, 2:7; and Ezekiel 37:9-10.
3. How does the Psalm teach you to praise the LORD as your Creator and Sanctifier (One who makes you holy)?

## **EPISTLE – Acts 2:1-21**

1. “Pentecost” means “50 days.” This event happens 50 days after Easter.
2. What were the manifestations of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
3. What is the main point of this story—indeed of the coming of the Holy Spirit? See verse 11. Also see 1 Corinthians 12:3 and John 16:12-15.
4. How does the Holy Spirit continue to work for your benefit today? See Romans 10:6-13, 17 & 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.
5. How does Pentecost reverse God’s judgment at the Tower of Babel?

## **HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:23-31**

1. What does Jesus say about those who love Him?
2. What does Jesus teach you about the work of the Holy Spirit?
3. How does this give you peace? See also Romans 5:1-5 & Titus 3:4-8.