



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Feast of Pentecost
28 May – 3 June 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 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Numbers 21:10-35	Luke 21:20-38
Mon.	Numbers 22:1-20	Luke 22:1-23
Tues.	Numbers 22:21 – 23:3	Luke 22:24-46
Wed.	Numbers 23:4-28	Luke 22:47-71
Thu.	Numbers 24:1-25	Luke 23:1-25
Fri.	Numbers 27:12-23	Luke 23:26-56
Sat.	Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27	Luke 24:1-27

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Pentecost

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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

31 May –**The Visitation**

1 June –Justin, *Martyr*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Feast of Pentecost

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S TRUE WORK

On Pentecost our Lord Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness. Without the Spirit's work, we would not know Christ. This from the Large Catechism on the Third Article of the Creed (II:38):

Neither you nor I could ever know anything about Christ, or believe in him and receive him as Lord, unless these were offered to us and bestowed on our hearts through the preaching of the gospel by the Holy Spirit. The work is finished and completed; Christ has acquired and won the treasure for us by his sufferings, death, and resurrection, etc. But if the work remained hidden so that no one knew of it, it would have been all in vain, all lost. In order that this treasure might not remain buried but be put to use and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to be published and proclaimed, in which he has given the Holy Spirit to offer and apply to us this treasure, this redemption. Therefore being made holy is nothing else than bringing us to the Lord Christ to receive this blessing, to which we could not have come by ourselves.

(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

Feast of the Holy Trinity

4 June 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.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 6:1-7

1. Where was Isaiah when he saw this vision? How are you in a similar place when you attend worship?
2. What song did the seraphim sing? When do you sing those same words in the weekly Divine Service?
3. What was Isaiah’s confession in God’s presence? Why do we confess our sins when we come into God’s presence at the beginning of the Divine Service?
4. How was Isaiah cleansed? Notice how God likes to work through means (instruments or tools) to cleanse us so that we can stay in His presence. What means (or instruments) does God use on you every Sunday morning?

PSALMODY – Psalm 148

1. The Athanasian Creed teaches us to confess: “And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God....” How does this psalm teach us to do just that? For what is this psalm praising (worshiping) God?

EPISTLE – Romans 11:33-36

1. How does this passage protect you from putting God into a box (limitations) of your choosing?

HOLY GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

1. As you read this passage, look for references to each person of the Holy Trinity. According to this passage, what does each of them do? How do they work together for your salvation?
2. Why must you be “born again” of water and the Spirit? If you are born again, does that happen by your own choosing? (Did you choose to be born the first time, of your biological parents?)
3. How does this passage comfort you in the unified work of the Holy Trinity? How would it comfort a relative or friend of yours?