

▼ DAILY PRAYER ▼

Holy Trinity 4 - 10 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 795 - Voices Raised to You We Offer

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

	Old Testament	New Testament	
Sun.	Numbers 35:9-30	Luke 24:28-53	
Mon.	Proverbs 1:8-33	John 11:17-37	
Tues.	Proverbs 3:5-24	John 11:38-57	
Wed.	Proverbs 4:1-27	John 12:1-29	
Thu.	Proverbs 5:1-23	John 12:20-36a	
Fri.	Proverbs 8:1-21	John 12:36b-50	
Sat.	Proverbs 8:22-36	John 13:1-20	

- **♣** APOSTLES' CREED *LSB*, inside back cover
- **★** LORD'S PRAYER LSB, inside back cover
- **₽** PRAYERS

Collect for Holy Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

▼ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

5 June - Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans

▼ CONCLUDING PRAYERS - Order of Prayer in LSB

BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Holy Trinity

THE HOLY TRINITY

We confess the catholic ("universal") faith. "And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God...." This from the Augsburg Confession, Article I:

In the first place, it is with one accord taught and held, following the decree of the Council of Nicea, that there is one divine essence which is named God and truly is God. But there are three persons in the same one essence, equally powerful, equally eternal: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal, undivided, unending, of immeasurable power, wisdom, and goodness, the creator and preserver of all visible and invisible things. What is understood by the word "person" is not a part nor a quality in another but that which exists by itself, as the Fathers once used the word concerning this issue.

Rejected, therefore, are all the heresies that are opposed to this article, such as the Manichaeans, who posited two gods, one good and one evil; the Valentinians, the Arians, the Eunomians, the Mohammedans, and all others like them; also the Samosatenians, old and new, who hold that there is only one person and create a deceitful sophistry about the other two, the Word and the Holy Spirit, by saying that the two need not be two distinct persons since "Word" means an external word or voice and the "Holy Spirit" is a created motion in all creatures.

(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

First Sunday after Trinity

11 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 - Genesis 15:1-6

- 1. How does God identify Himself to Abraham?
- 2. What was Abram's (later would his name be changed to "Abraham") concern?
- 3. What promise did God give to Abram?
- 4. The last verse of this reading is the key. It teaches us how the Church, and we individually, live the Christian life. What is the key?

PSALMODY - Psalm 62

- 1. As you read through the psalm, look for the word trust. In what are you to trust? In what are *not* to trust?
- 2. What are some other ways (words and phrases) the psalm uses in talking about trust?

EPISTLE - 1 John 4:16-21

- 1. After you read this passage, fill in the blank: "God is _____."
- 2. What gives you boldness on the day of judgment?
- 3. Why, according to St. John, are love and fear opposites? Think of your own life. How has fear (of people or circumstances) hindered your appreciation of God's love? How has it hindered your love for other people?
- 4. Based on God's love for us, what do we get to do for our "brother"?

HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 16:19-31

- 1. Remember the First Commandment and its Catechism meaning as you read this. What was the rich man's god?
- 2. How did the rich man treat Lazarus in earthly life? How did he expect Lazarus to wait on him in the life after death?
- 3. When the rich man is concerned about his brothers, what does Abraham tell him? How does this help you understand the life of the Church?
- 4. Review the Third Commandment and its Catechism meaning.