



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 10
13 - 19 August 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 644 - The Church's One Foundation*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	1 Samuel 31:1-13	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Mon.	2 Samuel 1:1-27	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
Tues.	2 Samuel 5:1-25	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Wed.	2 Samuel 6:1-19	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
Thu.	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
Fri.	2 Samuel 7:18-29	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
Sat.	2 Samuel 11:1-27	1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 10

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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

15 August – St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

16 August – Isaac

17 August – Johann Gerhard, *Theologian*

19 August – Bernard of Clairvaux, *Hymnwriter and Theologian*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 10

KEEPING THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS

The Lutheran Reformers did not set out to start their own church, as many do even in our day. Instead, Lutherans stay with the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” of all ages, especially in matters of liturgy and worship. The ancient traditions help teach us of Christ and His mercy for us sinners. This from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (XV:38-41, 51-52):

Furthermore, we gladly keep the ancient traditions set up in the church because they are useful and promote tranquility, and we interpret them in the best possible way, by excluding the opinion that they justify.... If anyone would look at it in the right way, we keep the ancient canons better than the opponents. Among the opponents, unwilling celebrants and hirelings celebrate the Mass, and very often they do so only for the money. They chant psalms, not in order to learn or pray, but for the sake of the rite, as if this work were a required act of worship, or for the sake of financial reward. Many among us celebrate the Lord’s Supper every Lord’s day after they are instructed, examined, and absolved. The children chant the Psalms in order to learn them; the people also sing in order either to learn or to pray.... Among us, pastors and ministers of the church are required to instruct and examine the youth publicly, a custom that produces very good results....

Nevertheless, we teach that liberty in these matters should be exercised moderately, so that the inexperienced may not take offense and, on account of an abuse of liberty, become more hostile to the true teaching of the gospel. Nothing in the customary rites may be changed without good reason. Instead, in order to foster harmony, those ancient customs should be observed that can be observed without sin or without proving to be a great burden.... We judge that the greatest possible public concord which can be maintained without offending consciences ought to be preferred to all other interests.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

20 August 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 4:1-15

1. The story of Cain and Abel illustrates one of the Ten Commandments. Which one? How does it illustrate that Commandment?
2. What was the difference between Cain’s offering and Abel’s offering? (Hint: Look carefully at how verse 4 is worded.) Look up Hebrews 11:4. What does this verse say about Abel’s offering?
3. In verse 7, what does God tell Cain about sin? How is this true for you?
4. After Cain killed his brother, and God confronted him, Cain said, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” How would you have answered that question? According to the Bible (Exodus 20:13; Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:8-10), how does God want you to answer that question?

PSALMODY – Psalm 27

1. What comfort to you find in verses 1-3?
2. Faith is certainly personal, but it’s never private! How do verses 4-5 teach us this?
3. Outline this Psalm and summarize the things it teaches you to pray. Include such requests in your daily prayers.

EPISTLE – Ephesians 2:1-10

1. The Cain & Abel story is about murder and death. What, according to Eph. 2, is the even worse problem we all have?
2. How does this passage – especially the words “dead in trespasses and sins” – prevent us from deciding to invite Jesus into our hearts?
3. How does life with God come to us? How have you been saved? How did God create and then save you to live?

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 18:9-14

1. What did the Pharisee pray? What did the tax collector pray? What’s the difference?
2. How can you make the tax collector’s prayer your prayer? Review “Confession” in the Small Catechism.
3. What does Jesus mean by humbling and exalting? See Psalm 32, especially verse 5.