



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 13
3 – 9 September 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 683 – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	1 Kings 19:1-21	Ephesians 3:1-21
Mon.	2 Kings 2:1-18	Ephesians 4:1-24
Tues.	2 Kings 2:19-25, 4:1-7	Ephesians 4:25-5:14
Wed.	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Ephesians 5:15-33
Thu.	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Ephesians 6:1-24
Fri.	2 Kings 5:9-27	Philippians 1:1-20
Sat.	2 Kings 6:1-23	Philippians 1:21-2:11

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 13

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

3 September – Gregory the Great, *Pastor*

4 September – Moses

5 September – Zacharias and Elizabeth

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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FREE WILL

We see with the Good Samaritan that man cannot save himself. Instead, God must send another person to save him. The Augsburg Confession, Article 18, talks about what kind of free will we have and don't have:

Concerning free will it is taught that a human being has some measure of free will, so as to live an externally honorable life and to choose among the things reason comprehends. However, without the grace, help, and operation of the Holy Spirit a human being cannot become pleasing to God, fear or believe in God with the whole heart, or expel innate evil lusts from the heart. Instead, this happens through the Holy Spirit, who is given through the Word of God. For Paul says (1 Cor. 2[:14]): “Those who are natural do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit.”...

Rejected here are those who teach that we can keep the commandments of God without grace and the Holy Spirit. For although we are by nature able to do the external works of the commandments, yet we cannot do the supreme commandments in the heart, namely, truly to fear, love, and believe in God.

(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

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10 September 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 – Proverbs 4:10-23

1. Verse 10 begins with “Hear, my son....” Who is talking here? See Proverbs 1:1 and 4:1-4. Who is ultimately your Father who gives instruction through these proverbs?
2. What promises does this passage make for those who hear and heed God’s instructions?
3. How does this passage describe the way of evil, that is, of unbelief?
4. Note how verses 20-23 focus on the life-giving nature of God’s Word.

PSALMODY – Psalm 116

1. Prayer is the great privilege of God’s redeemed people. How does the psalmist pray to the Lord God? What motivates or engenders his prayer?
2. How does this psalm teach you to pray? What (or Who) gives you the privilege of praying to God?
3. Take a close look at verses 12-14 and verses 18-19. How do these verses prepare you for receiving the Lord’s Supper in the Divine Service?

EPISTLE – Galatians 5:16-24

1. When St. Paul contrasts “flesh” and “Spirit,” he is *not* speaking against material things (body, eyes, ears, nature, etc.). After all, God made the material world and called it “very good” (See Genesis 1). What does St. Paul mean by “flesh”? See verses 19-21.
2. What is the “fruit of the Spirit”? Who accomplishes these “fruits” in the believer? (Hint: look closely at St. Paul’s wording.) How does He accomplish these “fruits”? See, for example, John 15:1-8.

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 17:11-19

1. What cry of faith did the ten lepers make to Jesus? How do you learn to make that same prayer to God in the liturgy? In your daily life?
2. The priests could only verify that the lepers were indeed cleansed. Who, then, performed the cleansing? Why is this important?
3. Where did the one cleansed leper worship? How does this teach us where Christians properly worship?
4. How is the one leper teaching you the First Commandment? Twice St. Luke says that the leper “gave glory to God.” How is this a good definition of faith?