



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 14
10 – 16 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 849 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Philippians 2:12-30
Mon.	2 Chronicles 29:1-24	Philippians 3:1-21
Tues.	2 Chronicles 31:1-21	Philippians 4:1-23
Wed.	2 Chronicles 32:1-22	Colossians 1:1-23
Thu.	2 Chronicles 33:1-25	Colossians 1:24-2:7
Fri.	2 Chronicles 34:1-4,8-11, 14-33	Colossians 2:8-23
Sat.	2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25	Colossians 3:1-25

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 14

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

14 September – Holy Cross Day

16 September – Cyprian of Carthage, *Pastor and Martyr*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 14

WORSHIP OF JESUS

The Samaritan Leper in our text today came by faith to know and trust that Jesus Christ was the true God and healer of all ills, especially the sickness of sin.

*From the Large Catechism on the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
(paragraphs 27-30):*

If anyone asks, “What do you believe in the second article about Jesus Christ?” answer as briefly as possible, “I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord.” What is it “to become a lord”? It means that he has redeemed and released me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all misfortune. Before this I had no lord or king, but was captive under the power of the devil. I was condemned to death and entangled in sin and blindness.

For when we were created by God the Father and had received from him all kinds of good things, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all misfortune. As a result, we lay under God’s wrath and displeasure, sentenced to eternal damnation, as we had merited it and deserved it. There was no counsel, no help, no comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God, in his unfathomable goodness, had mercy on us because of our misery and distress and came from heaven to help us. Those tyrants and jailers have now been routed, and their place has been taken by Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, righteousness, and every good and blessing. He has snatched us, poor lost creatures, from the jaws of hell, won us, made us free, and restored us to the Father’s favor and grace. As his own possession he has taken us under his protection and shelter, in order that he may rule us by his righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

(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

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

17 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 – 1 Kings 17:8-16

1. This story takes place during a severe drought in the land. See 1 Kings 17:1. Zarephath and Sidon were cities outside of Israel.
2. What problem did the LORD send Elijah, the prophet, to address? What did Elijah request of the widow and her family?
3. What promise did God give to the widow through the prophet Elijah?
4. How does verse 13 speak to you when you worry about what to eat and drink?
5. How did God keep His promise to the widow? How does He provide food and drink for you?

PSALMODY – Psalm 86

1. How do the opening verses of this psalm teach you to trust God each and every day?
2. How can you make these words of David’s prayer the words of your prayer?

EPISTLE – Galatians 5:25-6:10

1. According to St. Paul, how does your faith (“live in the Spirit”) show itself in your life (“walk in the Spirit”)? See especially 5:26.
2. How does St. Paul exhort us to “bear one another’s burdens”? What is the purpose of bearing one another’s burdens? See 6:1.
3. What good wisdom can you find in 6:7-10 for living the Christian life?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 6:24-34

1. Jesus says, “Do not worry.” When you worry about your life (v. 25), what commandment are you breaking? What can worry really accomplish?
2. How do you worry about: food & drink? Clothing and shoes? Making a good living? How does such worrying get in the way of trusting Jesus?
3. What promise does Jesus give you, your family, and your church in these verses?
4. How does verse 33 help you change how you look at your family, your job, your money, and all other aspects of your life?