



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 15
17 - 23 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 760 - What God Ordains is Always Good*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	2 Chronicles 36:1-23	Colossians 4:1-18
Mon.	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10	1 Timothy 1:1-20
Tues.	Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Wed.	Nehemiah 4:7-23	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Thu.	Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16	1 Timothy 4:1-16
Fri.	Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Sat.	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 15

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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

21 September –St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

22 September – Jonah

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 15

GOD THE MAKER OF ALL

God the Father is the one who made all things, and He therefore is the one who will take care of us in all our needs. From the Large Catechism on God as the Creator (LC II:9-11):

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, CREATOR of heaven and earth . . .”

This is the shortest possible way of describing and illustrating the nature, will, acts, and work of God the Father. Because the Ten Commandments have explained that we are to have no more than one God, so it may now be asked: “What kind of person is God? What does he do? How can we praise or portray or describe him in such a way so we may know him?” This is taught here and in the following articles. Thus the Creed is nothing else than a response and confession of Christians based on the First Commandment. If you were to ask a young child, “My dear, what kind of God do you have? What do you know about him?” he or she could say: “First, my God is the Father, who made heaven and earth. Aside from this one alone I regard nothing as God, for there is no one else who could create heaven and earth.”

(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

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

24 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 17:17-24

1. This reading follows on the heels of last week’s Old Testament reading. What did God provide for the widow, her family, and Elijah in 1 Kings 7:8-16?
2. Now what need does the widow of Zarepath have? What is her complaint?
3. How does God give life to the widow’s dead son?
4. What confession of faith does the widow make afterward?
5. How does God use his Word to give you life with Him?

PSALMODY – Psalm 102

1. How does the psalmist describe his condition? How do you feel this way, especially when you consider your sins against God and your neighbor?
2. In what does the psalmist take comfort? How does this comfort you?

EPISTLE – Ephesians 3:13-21

1. What “tribulations” did St. Paul experience as he wrote this letter to the Ephesians? See Philippians 1:7 and Acts 28:11-16.
2. Notice what gives St. Paul such great comfort even as he suffers. How does he confess the Holy Trinity? What does each Person of the Trinity do in these verses?
3. How does this passage comfort you in your tribulations? According to these verses, how does the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work in you?

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 7:11-17

1. Jesus and His followers meet head-on with a procession of death.
2. Why is it important that the dead young man’s mother was also a widow?
3. How did Jesus show compassion? How did He identify with the dead man? How did Jesus raise the dead man?
4. What did the people say after they witnessed this miracle? How is this the natural response to the life that Jesus gives you in every Divine Service?