



## ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

**St. Michael & All Angels**  
**24 – 30 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 521 – Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Nehemiah 9:22-38	1 Timothy 6:3-21
Mon.	Malachi 1:1-14	Matthew 3:1-17
Tues.	Malachi 2:1-3:5	Matthew 4:1-11
Wed.	Malachi 3:6-4:6	Matthew 4:12-25
Thu.	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20
Fri.	Deuteronomy 1:19-36	Matthew 5:21-48
Sat.	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15	Matthew 6:1-15

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

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

### ✠ PRAYERS

Collect for St. Michael & All Angels

**Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

29 September – **St. Michael and All Angels**

30 September – Jerome, *Translator of Holy Scripture*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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## BOOK OF CONCORD READING

*St. Michael & All Angels*

### RECEIVING A LITTLE CHILD

*Jesus uses a child to teach of faith that receives God's gifts. So also our children need to be taught to trust God and call on His name. From the Large Catechism (I:75-77):*

See, with simple and playful methods like this we should bring up young people in the fear and honor of God so that the First and Second Commandments may become familiar and constantly be practiced. Then some good may take root, spring up, and bear fruit, and people may grow to adulthood who may give joy and pleasure to an entire country. That would also be the right way to bring up children, while they may be trained with kind and agreeable methods. For what a person enforces by means of beatings and blows will come to no good end. At best, the children will remain good only as long as the rod is on their backs.

But this kind of training takes root in their hearts so that they fear God more than they do rods and clubs. This I say plainly for the sake of the young people, so that it may sink into their minds, for when we preach to children we must talk baby talk. We have prevented the misuse of the divine name and taught its proper use, not only by how we speak but also by the way we act and live, so that everyone may know that God is well pleased with the right use of his name and will just as richly reward it as he will terribly punish its misuse.

# LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**1 October 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 25:6-14**

1. The theme of Trinity 17 is humility toward our neighbor. Note the various ways that this reading from Proverbs 25 teaches humility.
2. What might happen if you try to “exalt yourself in the presence of the king” (or some other “great” person)?
3. Proverbs says, “Do not go hastily to court.” How does this show humility?
4. Look at the marvelous picture of “a word fitly spoken.” How does this help you choose your words in a careful and humble way?

## **PSALMODY – Psalm 33**

1. This psalm calls us to “rejoice in the LORD” because “His work is done in truth.” How did God make the heavens and the earth?
2. According to the psalm what is the best (and really only) response to this work of God?
3. How does this psalm teach us to live in humility?

## **EPISTLE – Ephesians 4:1-6**

1. With what words does St. Paul exhort us to live in humility?
2. How does walking in humility foster the unity of the Church?
3. What happens to the unity of Christ’s one Church when Christians decide to walk in pride and exalt themselves?
4. Notice that St. Paul states a matter of fact: “There is one body and one Spirit....” How is the Church “one”? What do we mean when we confess “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” (Nicene Creed)?

## **HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 14:1-11**

1. How did the Pharisees show pride toward the man with dropsy? How did Jesus Himself show humility?
2. Why did the Pharisees not answer Jesus question about the Sabbath Day?
3. In Jesus’ parable, what might happen if you presume to take a place of honor at a banquet? Why should you take the “lowest place”?
4. How does this parable teach the Truth of God’s Kingdom? (Hint: See the last verse of this reading.)