



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 17
1 – 7 October 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

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| Morning | LSB, p. 295 | Early Evening | LSB, p. 297 |
| Noon | LSB, p. 296 | Close of the Day | LSB, p. 298 |

✠ HYMN *LSB 557 – Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

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

| | Old Testament | New Testament |
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| Sun. | Deuteronomy 2:16-37 | Matthew 6:16-34 |
| Mon. | Deuteronomy 3:1-29 | Matthew 7:1-12 |
| Tues. | Deuteronomy 4:1-20 | Matthew 7:13-29 |
| Wed. | Deuteronomy 4:21-40 | Matthew 8:1-17 |
| Thu. | Deuteronomy 5:1-21 | Matthew 8:18-34 |
| Fri. | Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9 | Matthew 9:1-17 |
| Sat. | Deuteronomy 6:10-25 | Matthew 9:18-38 |

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 17

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

7 October – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, *Pastor*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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THE TRUE SABBATH

In our Gospel reading Jesus teaches that God works to heal body and soul on the Sabbath. From the Book of Concord, Large Catechism on the Third Commandment – “Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy” (1:87-88, 91-92):

Accordingly, when you are asked what “You are to hallow the day of rest” means, answer: “Hallowing the day of rest means to keep it holy.” What is meant by “keeping it holy”? Nothing else than devoting it to holy words, holy works, and holy living. The day itself does not need to be made holy, for it was created holy. But God wants it to be holy for you. So it becomes holy or unholy on your account, depending on whether you spend it doing something holy or unholy. How does such sanctifying take place? Not when we sit behind the stove and refrain from hard work, or place a garland on our head and dress up in our best clothes, but, as has been said, when we make use of God’s Word and exercise ourselves in it....

For the Word of God is the true holy object above all holy objects. Indeed, it is the only one we Christians know and have. Even if we had the bones of all the saints or all the holy and consecrated vestments gathered together in one pile, they would not help us in the least, for they are all dead things that cannot make anyone holy. But God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints. Accordingly, I constantly repeat that all our life and work must be based on God’s Word if they are to be God-pleasing or holy.

(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

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 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 – Deuteronomy 10:12-21

1. “What does the LORD require of you?” How does God answer this question for you in this passage? How does He answer it for you in these passages: Deut. 5:1-21; 6:4-9; Micah 6:8; and Matthew 22:37-40?
2. How did God show His abundant grace and mercy to the people of Israel? What does this passage teach us about God?
3. Based on how God saves His people by His grace and mercy, what practical good works does God give us to do?

PSALMODY – Psalm 96

1. The Psalm summons us to “sing to the LORD a new song” (v. 1). According to the rest of this Psalm, what makes this song “new”?
2. The Psalm urges us to “declare His glory among the nations” (v. 3). In what location does this Psalm declare God’s glory? (Hint: vv. 6, 8, 9).
3. In verses 11-13, why is God’s judgment a good thing for us to eagerly anticipate?

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1. When St. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he wrote to a troubled and divided congregation. What does the Apostle call these Christians in v. 2? How does he build them up in verses 4-9?
2. St. Paul says that “you were enriched in everything by [Christ].” How does this comfort you to know that your congregation has all things in Christ? How does this prevent pride or “low self-esteem” in churches?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 22:34-46

1. What has God done for us that we should love Him above all things?
2. How do we practice the greatest commandment – loving God – in the Divine Service?
3. How do you “love your neighbor as yourself” in the humble, ordinary situations of day to day life?
4. If Jesus is “the Son of David,” who lived and reigned about 1000 years before Christ, how can David also call Him “Lord”? See John 1:1, 14.