



# ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 18  
8 – 14 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

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

✠ HYMN      *LSB 694 – Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Deuteronomy 7:1-19	Matthew 10:1-23
Mon.	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	Matthew 10:24-42
Tues.	Deuteronomy 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19
Wed.	Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22	Matthew 11:20-30
Thu.	Deuteronomy 11:1-25	Matthew 12:1-21
Fri.	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12	Matthew 12:22-37
Sat.	Deuteronomy 12:13-32	Matthew 12:38-50

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

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

## ✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 18

**O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

9 Oct. – Abraham

11 Oct. – Philip the Deacon

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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**BOOK OF CONCORD READING**

*Trinity 18*

**GOD BOTH REQUIRES AND GIVES FAITH**

*In our Gospel reading today our Lord demonstrates that worship of God as the Giver of all good things is the heart of the Christian faith. From the Large Catechism on the First Commandment (“You shall have no other gods”) (LC I:13-15).*

Thus you can easily understand what and how much this commandment requires, namely, that one’s whole heart and confidence be placed in God alone, and in no one else. To have a God, as you can well imagine, does not mean to grasp him with your fingers, or to put him into a purse, or to shut him up in a box. Rather, you lay hold of God when your heart grasps him and clings to him. To cling to him with your heart is nothing else than to entrust yourself to him completely. He wishes to turn us away from everything else apart from him, and to draw us to himself, because he is the one, eternal good. It is as if he said: “What you formerly sought from the saints, or what you hoped to receive from mammon or from anything else, turn to me for all of this; look on me as the one who will help you and lavish all good things upon you richly.”

(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

**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**15 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 – Genesis 28:10-17**

1. Describe the dream that Jacob had. What two places are linked in Jacob’s dream? How is Jacob in God’s presence?
2. Look up John 1:51. What does Jesus say to Nathanael? On whom are the angels ascending and descending? Who, then, joins heaven and earth?
3. Reread and then summarize God’s promise to Jacob. How was this to comfort Jacob?
4. How does it comfort you to have God’s promise that says, “I will not leave you”?
5. Jacob called the place of his dream Bethel—“the house of God.” Where is the house of God where you can be in God’s presence and hear His promises to you?

## **PSALMODY – Psalm 139**

1. How does this Psalm express God’s protection?
2. How does this Psalm teach you to worship God for His protection?

## **EPISTLE – Ephesians 4:22-28**

1. What characterizes the “old man” in you? What characterizes the “new man” in you?
2. St. Paul gives some good practical ways to live the *holy [Christian] life*. Think of ways that you can follow Paul’s words.

## **HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 9:1-8**

1. What is the first kind of “healing” that Jesus does for the paralytic? Why is this first and most important?
2. What problem did the scribes have with Jesus’ “healing”? See also Mark 2:6-7.
3. In the Greek, the passage says that Jesus has power to forgive sins on earth. Notice the word order. Where does this forgiving take place?
4. Does Jesus still forgive sins *on earth*? How? Where? With what instruments? See Matt. 26:26-28; John 20:21-23; Acts 2:38-39; Hebrews 10:19-25.