



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Reformation

29 October – 4 November 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 656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30
Mon.	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27	Matthew 20:1-16
Tues.	Deuteronomy 32:28-52	Matthew 20:17-34
Wed.	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Matthew 21:1-22
Thu.	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Matthew 21:23-46
Fri.	Jeremiah 3:6-4:2	Matthew 22:1-22
Sat.	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Matthew 22:23-46

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Reformation

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

31 October - Reformation Day

1 November - **All Saints' Day**

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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CHRIST'S CHURCH

Jesus promised that His Church will remain and endure forever. She draws her life from her Lord and His life given in the Gospel and the Sacraments. This from the Augsburg Confession, Article VII:

[VII. Concerning the Church]

It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel.

For this is enough for the true unity of the Christian church that there the gospel is preached harmoniously according to a pure understanding and the sacraments are administered in conformity with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that uniform ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere. As Paul says in Ephesians 4[:4-5]: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

(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

All Saints' Day (Observed)

5 November 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 33:1-3

1. As Moses gives his final blessing to the Israelites, he mentions Mt. Sinai. What is important about this place? Look up & read Exodus 19-20.
2. What does this blessing say about God?
3. What does this blessing teach us about saints? How, then, do you get to show that you are a saint?

PSALMODY – Psalm 16

1. According to the first two verses, what characterizes a saint?
2. According to the rest of the Psalm, how does God show His delight in His saints?
3. What comfort does the Psalm give you as a saint of God in Christ Jesus?

EPISTLE – Revelation 7:9-17

1. What kinds of people make up the “great multitude” of God's saints?
2. Where are God's saints located and what do they spend their time saying?
3. Out of what did the saints come? How are they made clean?
4. God dwells among His saints – both on earth and in heaven. How does He dwell among us here on earth? How does this comfort you? How does His presence for eternity give you hope in the face of trial?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12

1. How do these Beatitudes describe you? Can you pattern your life after them?
2. How do these Beatitudes describe your Lord Jesus Christ? How does He do, or fulfill, these things for you?
3. How does the fact that Jesus keeps these things (He is the poor, the merciful, the peacemaker, etc.) enable you to live as the poor, the mourners, the meek, the hungry and thirsty for rightness, the merciful, the pure in heart, and so on?