

# **▼ DAILY PRAYER ▼**

### All Saints' Day 5 - 11 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 677 - For All the Saints

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

	Old Testament	New Testament	
Sun.	Jeremiah 7:1-29	Matthew 23:1-12	
Mon.	Jeremiah 8:18-9:12	Matthew 23:13-39	
Tues.	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Matthew 24:1-28	
Wed.	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matthew 24:29-51	
Thu.	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13	
Fri.	Jeremiah 23: 1-20	Matthew 25:14-30	
Sat.	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46	

- ♣ APOSTLES' CREED LSB, inside back cover
- **★** LORD'S PRAYER LSB, inside back cover

### **₽** PRAYERS

# Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **▼** FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

- 8 Johannes von Staupitz, Luther's Father Confessor
- 9 Martin Chemnitz (birth), Pastor and Confessor
- 11 Martin of Tours, Pastor

## **▼** CONCLUDING PRAYERS - Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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# **BOOK OF CONCORD READING**

All Saints' Day

### LEARNING FROM THE SAINTS

We do not pray to saints of old, but we can learn from their example to trust God's grace and lead holy lives. This from the Augsburg Confession, Article XXI:

# XXI. Concerning the Cult of the Saints

Concerning the cult of the saints our people teach that the saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith. Moreover, it is taught that each person, according to his or her calling, should take the saints' good works as an example. For instance, His Imperial Majesty, in a salutary and righteous fashion, may follow the example of David in waging war against the Turk. For both hold a royal office that demands defense and protection of their subjects. However, it cannot be demonstrated from Scripture that a person should call upon the saints or seek help from them. "For there is only one single reconciler and mediator set up between God and humanity, Jesus Christ" (1 Tim. 2[:5]). He is the only savior, the only high priest, the mercy seat, and intercessor before God (Rom. 8[:34]). He alone has promised to hear our prayers. According to Scripture, in all our needs and concerns it is the highest worship to seek and call upon this same Jesus Christ with our whole heart. "But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous..." [1 John 2:1].

(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

# Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

12 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 - Proverbs 8:11-22

- 1. In this passage, wisdom speaks as a person, in personal terms. *Who* is wisdom? See Isaiah 11:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.
- 2. Verse 13 states the opposite of God's wisdom. How do we show that we lovingly trust God's wisdom by avoiding such practices?
- 3. What intimate relationship and what blessings does Wisdom promise in verses 17-21?
- 4. How has the Lord possessed Wisdom even before creation? See John 1:1-3.

#### PSALMODY - Psalm 111

- 1. This psalm praises the Lord for His words and works. What Old Testament "wondrous works" cause us to remember that He is gracious and merciful? See Genesis 1-2; Exodus 12-14; Joshua 3-4.
- 2. The Old Testament "inheritance" (v. 6) was the Promised Land. What is the New Testament fulfillment of the "inheritance" in Christ? See 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-8.

# EPISTLE - Philippians 3:17-21

- 1. How does St. Paul describe "enemies of the cross of Christ"?
- 2. How does the apostle describe the Christian's citizenship? What glorious promise accompanies that citizenship? What hope does this give?

#### HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 22:15-22

- 1. Jesus' adversaries try to trap Him with a trick question. Summarize their attempted trap and question.
- 2. How does Jesus answer their trick question?
- 3. In His response (v. 21), Jesus distinguishes between the civil realm and the heavenly realm. Which realm rightly receives our first allegiance? See Acts 5:29.
- 4. Why has God given us the civil realm? See Romans 13:1-7.