



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 24
19-25 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 755 – In the Very Midst of Life*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matthew 27:57-66
Mon.	Daniel 1:1-21	Matthew 28:1-20
Tues.	Daniel 2:1-23	Revelation 18:1-24
Wed.	Daniel 2:24-49	Revelation 19:1-21
Thu.	Daniel 3:1-30	Revelation 20:1-15
Fri.	Daniel 4:1-37	Revelation 21:1-8
Sat.	Daniel 5:1-30	Revelation 21:9-27

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 24

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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

19 November – Elizabeth of Hungary

23 November – Clement of Rome, *Pastor*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 24

WE WILL COME FORTH GLORIOUSLY

Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death and promises to raise us from the grave, that we may obtain everlasting gladness and joy. This from the Large Catechism (II:57-59) on the Third Article of the Creed:

Meanwhile, because holiness has begun and is growing daily, we await the time when our flesh will be put to death, will be buried with all its uncleanness, and will come forth gloriously and arise to complete and perfect holiness in a new, eternal life. Now, however, we remain only halfway pure and holy. The Holy Spirit must always work in us through the Word, granting us daily forgiveness until we attain to that life where there will be no more forgiveness. In that life there will be only perfectly pure and holy people, full of integrity and righteousness, completely freed from sin, death, and all misfortune, living in new, immortal, and glorified bodies.

All this, then, is the office and work of the Holy Spirit, to begin and daily increase holiness on earth through these two means, the Christian church and the forgiveness of sins. Then, when we pass from this life, in the blink of an eye he will perfect our holiness and will eternally preserve us in it through the last two parts of this article.

(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

Last Sunday of the Church Year

26 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 – Isaiah 65:17-25

1. Read verses 17-19. What does God promise to create? In light of this, what does Isaiah tell us to do in these verses?
2. Read verses 20-23. What are the various descriptions of God’s promised new creation? How are they different from anything we are used to now?
3. Read verses 24-25. How do these verses describe the peace of God’s new creation?

PSALMODY – Psalm 45

1. How is the king described in this Psalm? Who is that King? See Matthew 25:31-36 and Revelation 19:11-16.
2. In the words of the Psalm, what will the King do? How will His people respond?

EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. How does the “day of the Lord come”? Based on this Scriptural fact and teaching, how should you treat predictions about the Lord’s return?
2. What is your comfort when the “day of the Lord” comes in this way?
3. What exhortation does St. Paul give you in these verses to be ready for the coming Day of the Lord’s return? What kind of strength and protection do you have as you wait?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

1. How does Jesus’ parable describe the ten virgins (that is, the two groups)? What set the first group apart from the other one?
2. For what were the virgins waiting? When did it come? Which group of virgins was ready?
3. What reward awaited those virgins who were ready? What consequence awaited the virgins who were *not* ready?
4. How do you remain ready? See Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. What do you do in the meantime? See 1 Peter 3:15-17.