



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 27 – Last Sunday in the Church
26 November – 2 December 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 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Daniel 6:1-28	Revelation 22:1-21
Mon.	Isaiah 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
Tues.	Isaiah 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
Wed.	Isaiah 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
Thu.	Isaiah 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
Fri.	Isaiah 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-22
Sat.	Isaiah 8:9-9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Last Sunday in the Church Year

Lord God heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

29 November - Noah

30 November - St. Andrew, Apostle

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Last Sunday of the Church Year

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

*Jesus calls the Church His “bride.” This from the Apology of the
Augsburg Confession, Articles VII & VIII, 5, 7:*

However, the church is not only an association of external ties and rites like other civic organizations, but it is principally an association of faith and the Holy Spirit in the hearts of persons. It nevertheless has its external marks so that it can be recognized, namely, the pure teaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments in harmony with the gospel of Christ. Moreover, this church alone is called the body of Christ, which Christ renews, sanctifies, and governs by his Spirit as Paul testifies in Ephesians 1[:22–23], when he says, “And [God] has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Therefore those in whom Christ is not active are not members of Christ....

We have not said anything new here. Paul defined the church in precisely the same way in Ephesians 5[:26] when he says “in order to make her holy by cleansing her.” He also added the external marks, the Word and sacraments. For he says, “Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the Word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish” [Eph. 5:25–27].

(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

First Sunday in Advent

3 December 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 – Jeremiah 23:5-8

1. As Jeremiah preached God’s Word, he looked forward in time to the coming of the Messiah (“Anointed One”). How does Jeremiah describe the coming Savior? What is the Savior called?
2. If the Lord Jesus is “our righteousness,” how are we to look at our own (self-made) righteousness? See Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 7:18-19.
3. How is the Lord Jesus *your righteousness*? See Matthew 3:13-17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; and Romans 5:15.

PSALMODY – Psalm 24

1. What does this Psalm teach about ownership of the earth? What about ownership of *things* in the earth?
2. How does this Scriptural truth challenge your ideas of: a) being in control of your own body? b) being the owner of “your” possessions?
3. What answer does the Psalm give for this question: “Who may stand in God’s holy place?” How and where do you receive that blessing?
4. What descriptions does the Psalm give of King Jesus? Work on learning these verses by heart through the Advent season.

EPISTLE – Romans 13:8-14

1. What does St. Paul say about love and the commandments of God? Is loving your neighbor an option?
2. In what ways can you prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth—the coming of the King? See verses 11-14.

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 21:1-9

1. As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, we read about Christ preparing for His death. How does this help you understand the coming and birth of our Savior Jesus?
2. When Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem, He showed that He was a humble king. What does that tell you about His coming in the flesh as King of glory?
3. In what ways does Jesus continue to come to us in humility and to save us? (Hint: think of and participate in Sunday morning.)