



# ✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

**Advent 1**  
**3 – 9 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 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Isaiah 9:8-10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
Mon.	Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
Tues.	Isaiah 11:1-12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22
Wed.	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18
Thu.	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1-2:14
Fri.	Isaiah 24:14-25:12	1 John 2:15-29
Sat.	Isaiah 2:1-19	1 John 3:1-24

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

## ✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Advent 1

**Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

4 Dec. – John of Damascus, *Theologian and Hymnwriter*

6 Dec. – Nicholas of Myra, *Pastor*

7 Dec. – Ambrose of Milan, *Pastor and Hymnwriter*

## ✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in LSB



# BOOK OF CONCORD READING

## *Advent 1*

### **OUR LORD COMES IN HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT**

*In Advent we speak of our Lord's coming in great humility. He still comes to us today, clothed in the humble means of salvation. This from the Smalcald Articles, Part 3, Article 4:*

We now want to return to the gospel, which gives guidance and help against sin in more than one way, because God is extravagantly rich in his grace: first, through the spoken word, in which the forgiveness of sins is preached to the whole world (which is the proper function of the gospel); second, through baptism; third, through the holy Sacrament of the Altar; fourth, through the power of the keys and also through the mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters. Matthew 18[:20]: “Where two or three are gathered . . .”

(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

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**10 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 – Malachi 4:1-6**

1. How is the day of the Lord’s coming a dreadful day? How is it a great and welcome day?
2. When Christ comes, why must we confess our sins (repent)? What comfort does He give when He comes?
3. Why does Malachi urge us to remember the Law of Moses?
4. Who is the promised Elijah? See Matthew 3:1-6.

## **PSALMODY – Psalm 50**

1. How does this Psalm describe the coming “dreadful day”? How does the Lord come, according to these verses?
2. In the Psalm, God says, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble.” What is He commanding you to do? See the Second Commandment; Luke 11:1-4; Philippians 4:4-7; and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

## **EPISTLE – Romans 15:4-13**

1. According to St. Paul, why were the Scriptures written? Explain how this encourages you to keep learning the message of the Scriptures.
2. What does the “God of patience and comfort” grant you and your fellow Christians? What do you do to go against this, either intentionally or unintentionally? How does God give you strength to overcome this? (Hint: Review the previous question.)

## **HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 21:25-36**

1. As we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming, we look ahead to His second coming, or return. How does this reading help us get ready for Christmas? How does it help us prepare for Christ’s return? How are these two events connected?
2. What will pass away? What will not? How does this help you put your life in proper perspective?
3. Jesus warns against some things that hinder us from receiving Him. What are they? What other kinds of things weigh you down and hinder your preparations for celebrating Christ’s birth—especially at this time of year?