



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Advent 3
17-23 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 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Isaiah 33:1-24	Revelation 5:1-14
Mon.	Isaiah 34:1-2,8-35:10	Revelation 6:1-17
Tues.	Isaiah 40:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17
Wed.	Isaiah 40:18-41:10	Revelation 8:1-13
Thu.	Isaiah 42:1-25	Revelation 9:1-12
Fri.	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13-10:11
Sat.	Isaiah 43:25-44:20	Revelation 11:1-19

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Advent 3

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

17 Dec. – Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men

19 Dec. – Adam and Eve

20 Dec. – Katharina von Bora Luther

21 Dec. – St. Thomas, Apostle

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Advent 3

THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist is the preeminent preacher of the Gospel, for he points the hearer away from himself and toward the Messiah. This from the Augsburg Confession, Article 5:

[V. Concerning the Office of Preaching]

To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel. It teaches that we have a gracious God, not through our merit but through Christ's merit, when we so believe.

Condemned are the Anabaptists and others who teach that we obtain the Holy Spirit without the external word of the gospel through our own preparation, thoughts, and works.

(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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

24 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 – Deuteronomy 18:15-19

1. Moses is preaching here to the children of Israel. What does Moses predict and proclaim? About whom is he speaking?
2. What does Moses say that you (God’s people) shall do when this Prophet comes?
3. What Commandment does this sermon from Moses illustrate?
4. Whose words will this Prophet have in His mouth? What will the Prophet speak?
5. What happens to those who do not listen to this Prophet?

PSALMODY – Psalm 19

1. How do the heavens and the earth proclaim God’s glory? What do they say?
2. What does this Psalm say about God’s Word (testimony, law, etc.)?
3. According to the Psalm what things does God’s Word accomplish?

EPISTLE – Philippians 4:4-7

1. What is St. Paul’s command here? How often are we to do this?
2. Over what do we rejoice as we eagerly await celebrating the Lord’s birth?
3. St. Paul urges us to let our gentleness be known to all people. What reason or basis does he give for doing that?
4. How are you anxious about things this time of year? What help do St. Paul’s words give you to relieve the anxiety?

HOLY GOSPEL – John 1:19-28

1. What was the question that the Jews asked John the Baptist? What was John’s answer?
2. What did John proclaim about the Coming Christ?
3. How did John view his task of preparing God’s people for the Christ? See also John 1:29-31; Luke 3:15-17.