



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Lent 1

18 - 24 February 2024

**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 656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Job 13:13-28	John 6:22-40
Mon.	Job 14:1-22	John 6:41-59
Tues.	Job 15:1-23, 30-35	John 6:60-71
Wed.	Job 16:1-22	John 7:1-13
Thu.	Job 17:1-16	John 7:14-31
Fri.	Job 18:1-21	John 7:32-53
Sat.	Job 19:1-12, 21-27	John 8:1-20

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Lent 1

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

18 February – Martin Luther, *Doctor and Confessor*

23 February – Polycarp of Smyrna, *Pastor and Martyr*

24 February – St. Matthias, *Apostle*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Lent 1

DELIVER US FROM TEMPTATION

Since we all deal with various temptations, we learn to rely on our Lord Jesus who conquered the tempter for us. This from the Large Catechism on the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer (III:106-108):

This, then, is what “leading us not into temptation” means: when God gives us power and strength to resist, even though the attack is not removed or ended. For no one can escape temptations and allurements as long as we live in the flesh and have the devil prowling around us. We cannot help but suffer attacks, and even be mired in them, but we pray here that we may not fall into them and be drowned by them.

To experience attack, therefore, is quite a different thing from consenting to it or saying “Yes” to it. We must all experience it, though not to the same degree; some have more frequent and severe attacks than others. Young people, for example, are tempted chiefly by the flesh; adults and older people are tempted by the world. Others, who are concerned with spiritual matters (that is, strong Christians), are tempted by the devil. But no one can be harmed by merely experiencing an attack, as long as it is contrary to our will and we would prefer to be rid of it. For if we did not experience it, it could not be called an attack. But to consent to it is to give it free rein and neither to resist it nor to pray for help against it.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024

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 – Genesis 32:22-32

1. This story takes place while Jacob and his family are returning from Haran to the land of Canaan.
2. With whom did Jacob wrestle? See Joshua 5:13-15 and Hosea 12:2-4. What did Jacob suffer as a result of this wrestling match?
3. What did Jacob seek from this Man whom he wrestled?
4. What new name did the Man give to Jacob? What does it mean?
5. How do you wrestle with God? How does He bless you in the midst of your “wrestling match” with Him?

PSALMODY – Psalm 25

1. This Psalm says, “Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.” How does the rest of the Psalm show God’s ways? How does it teach you His paths?

EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

1. St. Paul exhorts you to “abound more and more.” According to this passage, in what does he urge you to abound?
2. “Sanctification” means “making holy.” Remember that the Holy Spirit makes holy. With this in mind, what specifics does St. Paul urge for leading a holy life?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 15:21-28

1. Notice that the woman comes from Canaan—that is, she is not a Jew by birth. Yet what does she say when she cries out to Jesus? According to this cry, what is faith all about?
2. How did Jesus respond to the woman? How might you have reacted to such a response from the Lord?
3. After Jesus talked about “the little dogs,” how did the woman call Jesus’ bluff? How did this show her persistent faith?
4. How do you “wrestle” with the Lord in persistent faith? How would your faith endure such “wrestling” with the Lord?
5. How does Jesus respond to the woman’s persistent faith? How does this comfort you?