



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Lent 2

25 February – 3 March 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 615 – When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Genesis 16:1-9,15-17:22	Mark 6:1-13
Mon.	Genesis 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
Tues.	Genesis 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
Wed.	Genesis 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
Thu.	Genesis 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
Fri.	Genesis 24:32-52,61-67	Mark 8:1-21
Sat.	Genesis 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Lent 2

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*



BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Lent 2

FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD

The Canaanite woman shows great faith – faith unshaken by bad experiences. What makes faith “great” is the object of faith, that is, Jesus Christ. This from the Formula of Concord (SD, IV:10-12):

Faith is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God [John 1:12-13]. It kills the old ‘Adam’ and makes us altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and all powers; and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. O, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. It does not ask whether good works are to be done, but before the question is asked, it has already done them, and is constantly doing them.... Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake life itself on it a thousand times. This knowledge of and confidence in God’s grace makes people glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and with all creatures. And this is the work which the Holy Spirit performs in faith. Because of it, without compulsion, a person is ready and glad to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, out of love and praise to God, who has shown this grace.

(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

Third Sunday in Lent

4 March 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 – Exodus 8:16-24

1. The plague of lice is the third plague (there were 10 in all) God carried out on the Egyptians. What is different about this one as compared to the first two plagues? Hint: See Exodus 7:22 & 8:7 and then read 8:18.
2. Why was God carrying out these plagues on Egypt in the first place? See Exodus 7:1-5, 14.
3. How did God separate His people in the fourth plague, the one of flies? How does this comfort you as a member of God’s people?

PSALMODY – Psalm 9

1. Verses 1-2 talk of praising God for His “marvelous works.” What works are discussed in verses 3-8? What works are discussed in verses 9-12?
2. How can you make verses 13-14 your constant prayer? Who are your enemies? Read Ephesians 6:10-17.

EPISTLE – Ephesians 5:1-10

1. In what way does St. Paul exhort you to imitate God?
2. How does this passage address the varieties of sexual sins that are so common in our day? How would following St. Paul’s words make life *simpler and healthier* as well as more God-pleasing?
3. How does St. Paul identify you as “light”? How does that change your life (Note St. Paul’s words on the “fruit of the Spirit.”)?

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 11:14-28

1. What miracle did Jesus perform? What kind of reaction did He receive from some in the multitudes?
2. Against whom does Jesus do battle as He lives and dies for our salvation? In Jesus’ sermon, who is the “strong man”? Who is the “stronger man”?
3. What is Jesus’ point when He talks about one unclean spirit leaving a man? Hint: see Ephesians 5:8-10.
4. According to Jesus, in verse 28, who are blessed? How does that apply to you? How does that encourage you to bring others to hear the Gospel of Christ’s salvation?