



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Lent 4
10 – 16 March 2024

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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 743 – Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Genesis 41:28-57	Mark 11:20-33
Mon.	Genesis 42:1-34,38	Mark 12:1-12
Tues.	Genesis 43:1-28	Mark 12:13-27
Wed.	Genesis 44:1-18,32-34	Mark 12:28-44
Thu.	Genesis 45:1-20,24-28	Mark 13:1-23
Fri.	Genesis 47:1-31	Mark 13:24-37
Sat.	Genesis 49:29-50:5,14-26	Mark 14:1-11

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Lent 4

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 4

DAILY BREAD

Jesus provides not only for our spiritual needs, but also for our physical needs. From the Large Catechism (III:73-74):

To put it briefly, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in this world, because it is only for its sake that we need daily bread. Now, our life requires not only food and clothing and other necessities for our body, but also peace and concord in our daily activities, associations, and situations of every sort with the people among whom we live and with whom we interact—in short, in everything that pertains to the regulation of both our domestic and our civil or political affairs. For where these two spheres are interfered with and prevented from functioning as they should, there the necessities of life are also interfered with, and life itself cannot be maintained for any length of time. Indeed, the greatest need of all is to pray for the civil authorities and the government, for it is chiefly through them that God provides us daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Although we have received from God all good things in abundance, we cannot retain any of them or enjoy them in security and happiness were he not to give us a stable, peaceful government. For where dissension, strife, and war prevail, there daily bread is already taken away or at least reduced.

(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

Fifth Sunday in Lent – “Passion Sunday”

17 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 – Genesis 22:1-14

1. First, God promised that Abraham would have a son of his own. Then God gave Isaac. But then God said, “Go, sacrifice your son, Isaac.” What is God up to here?
2. How do you react when God seems to “take back” His promises? How does God test you to see if you will trust Him more than the blessings that He gives?
3. How is God revealing, through Abraham & Isaac, what He planned to do for the whole world?
4. What Gospel did Abraham find? How does this point to Christ? (Hint: look up John 1:29 and 1 Peter 1:17-19)

PSALMODY – Psalm 43

1. From what do we pray for God to vindicate us? (Verse 1)
2. Where does God grant us a safe haven (vindication)? (Verses 4-5)
3. Why be downcast when God is your help and hope?

EPISTLE – Hebrews 9:11-15

1. This is a very bloody passage! What does our Lord Jesus Christ accomplish through His blood (in the words of these verses)?
2. Why is the shedding of blood so important for you as a Christian? See Ephesians 1:7 and Hebrews 9:22.

HOLY GOSPEL – John 8:42-59

1. Jesus teaches us the true Source of truth. From where does truth come?
2. What kinds of lies is Satan pulling on the world today? How do you succumb to such lies?
3. Jesus says, “If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.” How does this comfort you? How does this prompt you to learn and keep His Word?
4. What did Jesus say that caused some people to try throwing stones at Him? Why? What does this teach you about Jesus? (Hint: see Colossians 1:15-18)