



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Lent 5
17– 23 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 430 – My Song is Love Unknown**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Exodus 1:1-22	Mark 14:12-31
Mon.	Exodus 2:1-22	Mark 14:32-52
Tues.	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Mark 14:53-72
Wed.	Exodus 4:1-18	Mark 15:1-15
Thu.	Exodus 4:19-31	Mark 15:16-32
Fri.	Exodus 5:1-6:1	Mark 15:33-47
Sat.	Exodus 7:1-25	Mark 16:1-20

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Lent 5

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

17 March – Patrick, *Missionary to Ireland*

19 March – St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Lent 5

JUSTIFYING FAITH

Abraham lived by faith in God's promised Savior. We live by the same justifying faith. This from the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (IV:49-50, 53):

Faith is that worship which receives the benefits that God offers; the righteousness of the law is that worship which offers God our own merits. God wants to be honored by faith so that we receive from Him those things that He promises and offers.

But faith signifies not merely a knowledge of history but the faith which assents to the promise, as Paul clearly testifies when he says [Rom. 4:16] righteousness “depends on faith, in order that the promise may...be guaranteed.” ...

Therefore, whenever we speak about justifying faith, we must understand that these three elements belong together: the promise itself; the fact that the promise is free; and the merits of Christ as the payment and atoning sacrifice. The promise is received by faith; the word “free” excludes our merits and means that the blessing is offered only through mercy; the merits of Christ are the payment because there must be some definite atoning sacrifice for our sins.

(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

Palm Sunday

24 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.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – John 12:12-19

1. "Hosanna" means "Save now!" From what does Jesus, your King, save you?
2. Where in our Sunday liturgy do we get to sing, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD"? How is this part of the service our Lord's "Triumphal Entry" in our midst?

OLD TESTAMENT – Zechariah 9:9-12

1. For what reasons, according to Zechariah, shall we rejoice when our king comes?
2. From what "prison" does King Jesus set you free? How does that comfort you?

PSALMODY – Psalm 73

1. Read this Psalm as Jesus' prayer in this midst of His suffering (Passion).
2. How did Jesus "put [His] trust in the Lord GOD" during His rejection, suffering and crucifixion? How does His trust in God comfort you? How does it teach you to trust Him?

EPISTLE – Philippians 2:5-11

1. How did Jesus humble Himself for you? How was He exalted for you?
2. Review the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed. How does this Article show Jesus' humility and exaltation? Which phrases teach His humility? Which phrases teach His exaltation?

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 27:11-54

1. Read this passage with an eye toward all that your Lord and Savior suffered and endured for your benefit.
2. Ponder how your sin made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die. Ponder how Jesus' perfect righteousness and deep love led Him to suffer and die willingly for you.
3. After you read the Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew, read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 for what it means to you.