



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

The Resurrection of Our Lord
31 March – 6 April 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 458 – Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Exodus 14:10-31	Hebrews 7:23 – 8:13
Mon.	Exodus 15:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-28
Tues.	Exodus 15:19 – 16:12	Hebrews 10:1-18
Wed.	Exodus 16:13-35	Hebrews 10:19-39
Thu.	Exodus 17:1-16	Hebrews 11:1-29
Fri.	Exodus 18:5-27	Hebrews 12:1-24
Sat.	Exodus 19:1-25	Hebrews 13:1-21

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Resurrection of Our Lord

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

6 April – Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, *Artists*

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Resurrection of Our Lord

NEW LIFE

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism gives us our resurrection from the dead by joining us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This from the Large Catechism on Baptism (IV:65-67):

This act or ceremony consists of being dipped into the water, which covers us completely, and being drawn out again. These two parts, being dipped under the water and emerging from it, point to the power and effect of baptism, which is nothing else than the slaying of the old Adam and the resurrection of the new creature, both of which must continue in us our whole life long. Thus a Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, begun once and continuing ever after. For we must keep at it without ceasing, always purging whatever pertains to the old Adam, so that whatever belongs to the new creature may come forth. What is the old creature? It is what is born in us from Adam, irascible, spiteful, envious, unchaste, greedy, lazy, proud—yes—and unbelieving; it is beset with all vices and by nature has nothing good in it. Now, when we enter Christ's kingdom, this corruption must daily decrease so that the longer we live the more gentle, patient, and meek we become, and the more we break away from greed, hatred, envy, and pride.

(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

Second Sunday of Easter

7 April 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 – **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

1. What did God show Ezekiel? According to God, who was this?
2. What did God command Ezekiel to do? What did God do to the bones? What does God do in worship when you hear His Word proclaimed?
3. How is the Church like the valley of dry bones? How are you part of that valley as an individual? How does God bring you and His whole Church back to life? See the Catechism on Baptism (especially the fourth part).

PSALMODY – **Psalms 81**

1. How does the Psalm teach you to sing praises to God?
2. In the Psalm, God says, “Oh, that My people would listen to Me.” Where does He come among us today in order that we may hear Him?
3. What is the fruit of actually *hearing* God? See Romans 10:17.

EPISTLE – **1 John 5:4-10**

1. How do you “overcome the world”? What is the difference between overcoming the world “by faith” and overcoming it “by lifestyle”? Which is faithful to St. John’s teaching?
2. Why is it important that Jesus came not just “by water” (His baptism alone) but also “by blood” (His death on the cross)?
3. How are you joined to Jesus’ death and resurrection in Baptism? See Romans 6:1-11.

HOLY GOSPEL – **John 20:19-31**

1. What was the first thing that Jesus said to His disciples? How does this come from His wounds, which He showed them?
2. What Church practice did Jesus institute in verses 22-23?
3. Review what the *Small Catechism* teaches on “Confession & Absolution.”
4. What happens when you try to hide your sins? How would hearing your pastor speak Jesus’ forgiveness for your specific sins give you comfort and strengthen your faith? See Psalm 32:1-5; 1 John 1:8-9; & Rom. 10:17.