



✠ DAILY PRAYER ✠

Trinity 4
13-19 Jul 2025

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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 696 – O God, My Faithful God*

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

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21
Mon.	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22
Tues.	Judges 15:1-16:3	Galatians 3:23-4:11
Wed.	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31
Thu.	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Galatians 5:1-26
Fri.	1 Samuel 1:21-2:17	Galatians 6:1-18
Sat.	1 Samuel 2:18-36	Acts 15:22-41

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

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

✠ PRAYERS

Collect for Trinity 4

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

16 July – Ruth

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

Trinity 4

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

As God in Christ forgives us, we forgive those who sin against us. This from the Large Catechism on the Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer (III, 93-96):

There is, however, attached to this petition a necessary and even comforting addition, “as we forgive our debtors.” He has promised us assurance that everything is forgiven and pardoned, yet on the condition that we also forgive our neighbor. For just as we sin greatly against God every day and yet he forgives it all through grace, so we also must always forgive our neighbor who does us harm, violence, and injustice, bears malice toward us, etc. If you do not forgive, do not think that God forgives you. But if you forgive, you have the comfort and assurance that you are forgiven in heaven—not on account of your forgiving (for he does it altogether freely, out of pure grace, because he has promised it, as the gospel teaches) but instead because he has set this up for our strengthening and assurance as a sign along with the promise that matches this petition in Luke 6[:37], “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Therefore Christ repeats it immediately after the Lord’s Prayer, saying in Matthew 6[:14], “If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. . . .”

(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 after Trinity

20 July 2025

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 – 1 Kings 19:11-21

1. Read 1 Kings 19:1-10 for the events that lead up to this reading. Keep in mind when it says that Elijah killed the prophets that these prophets were false prophets who preached a false god.
2. In what did the Lord God reveal Himself? Was this something spectacular or something humble?
3. What was Elijah’s complaint? Reflect on how you have thought and felt the same. How have you thought that you alone were left among God’s people?
4. How did God answer Elijah? What parts of His answer tell Elijah to “get back to work”? What was God’s Gospel promise to Elijah?
5. God continues to keep a “faithful remnant” for Himself—those believers who trust His mercy and forgiveness. Even though we may not see the remnant—that is, the Church—we have God’s promise that He is keep it safe for Himself. How does this give you comfort as a member of Christ’s Church?

PSALMODY – Psalm 147:1-14

1. Read through the psalm and list the various things that the Lord does. How do God’s actions work in the opposite of what we human beings expect? How do God’s actions give you comfort, confidence, and hope?

EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. How does St. Paul describe the message of the cross? Why, then, do we hold on to such a message?
2. What does God do through the message of the cross?

HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 5:1-11

1. How did Jesus defy the expectations of the disciples?
2. What was Peter’s confession after seeing the miracle of Jesus? How do you make this same kind of confession? When and where?
3. According to Jesus, what would the disciples catch *after* this miracle? How is this the mission and purpose of the Church and our congregation?