



# DAILY PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

## CLOSE OF THE DAY

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

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It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**

To herald Your love in the morning,  
**Your truth at the close of the day.**

*Psalm 92:1-2*

*An appointed reading or one of the following is read: Matthew 11:28-30; Micah 7:18-20;  
Matthew 18:15-35; Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 11:1-13; Luke 12:13-34; Romans 8:31-39;  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Revelation 21:22-22:5.*

*The Apostles' Creed is confessed.*

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;**

**Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation**

**which You have prepared in the sight of every people:**

**a light to reveal You to the nations**

**and the glory of Your people Israel.**

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

*Prayers for others and ourselves*

*Concluding prayers:*

Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Small Catechism*

Let us bless the Lord.

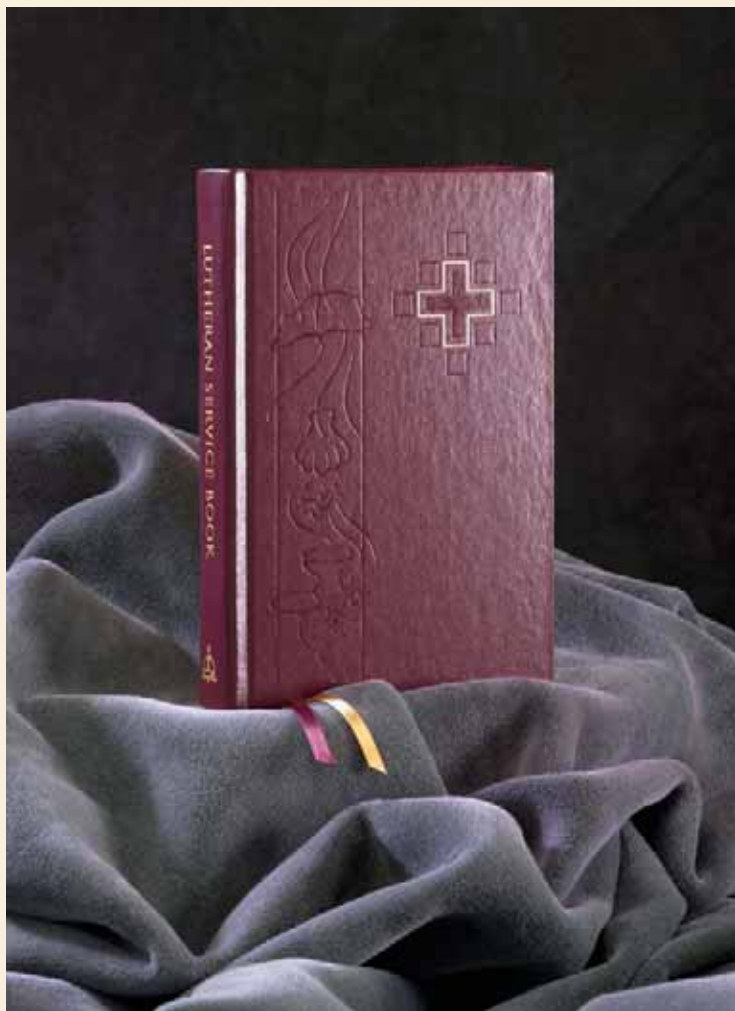
**Thanks be to God.**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

*Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.*

*The devotional guide above comes from Lutheran Service Book and is provided for your personal use during this district convention.*





*Lutheran Service Book* is the culmination of nearly a decade of careful preparation, building on the best from both *The Lutheran Hymnal* and *Lutheran Worship*. Thoroughly tested and granted overwhelming approval at the 2004 synodical convention, *LSB* provides congregations a wealth of resources, utilizing the best features of both print and digital delivery.

## ◀ PEW EDITION

- ❖ Primary resource for corporate and individual use.
- ❖ Familiar services from previous hymnals.
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  - Standard, four-part harmonies for most hymns.
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- ❖ Collection of more than 200 prayers carefully organized by topic.
- ❖ Full propers for both the three- and one-year lectionaries (Introit, Collect of the Day, Gradual, list of appointed readings).
- ❖ Lent and Holy Week services.

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- ❖ Separate volumes for Series A, B, and C and for the one-year lectionary.
- ❖ Text arranged according to “sense lines,” with paragraphs divided into easy-to-read phrases.
- ❖ Pronunciation helps for biblical names and places provided on same line as text.

**<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again  
to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias,  
and he revealed himself in this way,** tye-BEER-ee-uhs

**<sup>2</sup>Simon Peter,  
Thomas (called the Twin)  
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee,  
the sons of Zebedee,** ZEB-eh-dee

## ■ ACCOMPANIMENT EDITION—LITURGY

- ❖ Complete accompaniments for all services.
- ❖ Complete Psalter.
- ❖ Spiral bound with landscape layout, allowing four pages to be viewed at one time.
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- ❖ Standard four-part settings of most hymns.
- ❖ Second setting provided for some hymns, including:
  - Simplified organ settings.
  - Both organ and piano settings.
- ❖ Sturdy, spiral bolt binding built to last for many years.

## ■ GUITAR EDITION

- ❖ Melody line with guitar chords and hymn text.
- ❖ 8 1/2 x 11 spiral bound edition.
- ❖ 2007 release date.

### Baptism, Confirmation, Membership

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Baptism is at the center of the Christian faith and life. In Holy Baptism the triune God severs us from the kingdom of Satan and claims us as His own by the blood of Christ (Col. 1:13–14). “Jesus is Lord” is the confession of faith born of Holy Baptism because in Baptism Christ’s redeeming work becomes our own. The work of Christ under the Second Article of the Creed is applied to the sinner in Baptism so that the Christian can confess, in the words of the Catechism, that Jesus is “my Lord, who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.” In Baptism the Christian is joined to Jesus’ death and resurrection, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and made a member of Christ’s body, the Church (Acts 2:38–39; Rom. 6:3–4; Gal. 3:26–27; Titus 3:4–7). The baptismal life of a disciple of Jesus is shaped by the Lord’s own death and resurrection; it is a life characterized by a daily dying to sin and a rising to new life in Christ by the Lord’s own word of forgiveness (Rom. 6:3–11). Disciples of the Lord live by faith in the Lord’s Word and for this reason continually sit at His feet as His catechumens (Matt. 28:18–20; Acts 2:42).

*Lutheran Service Book* provides two rites for **Holy Baptism**. The pastor should be careful to distinguish between the essential elements in each rite that constitute the sacrament of Holy Baptism (water applied to the candidate in the name of the triune God) and the unessential elements of the rite that are ceremonial and symbolic (e.g., the white garment, the candle, anointing with oil). For a valid Baptism, water must be applied to the candidate by the invocation of the name of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:18–20; Small Catechism).

Both rites begin with a baptismal address that underscores the Lord’s teaching on Baptism. Satan’s kingdom is characterized by unbelief, the bondage to sin, and eternal condemnation. Christ’s kingdom is characterized by faith, the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, and deliverance from sin and everlasting destruction. In the longer rite, these themes are emphasized in the baptismal address. In the alternate form, based on the rite in Luther’s

### ◀ LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK AGENDA

- ❖ All rites thoroughly revised.
- ❖ Rites divided into eight sections.
  - Each section includes table of contents.
  - 2–3 page overview of the rites in each section (see example at left).
- ❖ Extensive notes and suggestions provided for each rite.

#### Times of Illness

Pastoral visitation during an illness may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for ministry to a particular individual. The pastor will want to remind the person that Christ has carried all of our sicknesses and infirmities. In this light, the afflicted are rightly invited to cling to Christ and His cross and receive His salvation delivered through Gospel and the blessed Sacraments.

#### Psalmody

Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 8–9, 11

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, | O God,\*

for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord.”

I have no good a- | part from you.”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup,\*

you | hold my lot.

<sup>4</sup> I have set the LORD always be- | fore me,\*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not

be | shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being

re- | joices.\*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the | path of life,\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; | at your

right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

#### Emergency

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, look in mercy upon *name* in *his/her* time of great need. Sustain *his/her* faith and defend *him/her* from every danger to body and soul. Grant *him/her*, the certainty that, upholding *him/her* with Your everlasting arms, You are at work for *his/her* good and for the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### For a critically ill child

Almighty God, Father in heaven, watch over Your child, *name*, now afflicted with sickness. Mercifully spare the life You have given. Relieve *his/her* pain, guard *him/her* from all danger, and restore *his/her* health according to Your gracious will, that *he/she* may be raised to a life of faithful service to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*When praying with a young child, the pastor may also pray in simple language such as the following:*

Dear Jesus, *name* is hurting. We know that You love *him/her*. Watch over *him/her*, and help *him/her* to get better, in Your name we pray.

#### Before and after testing

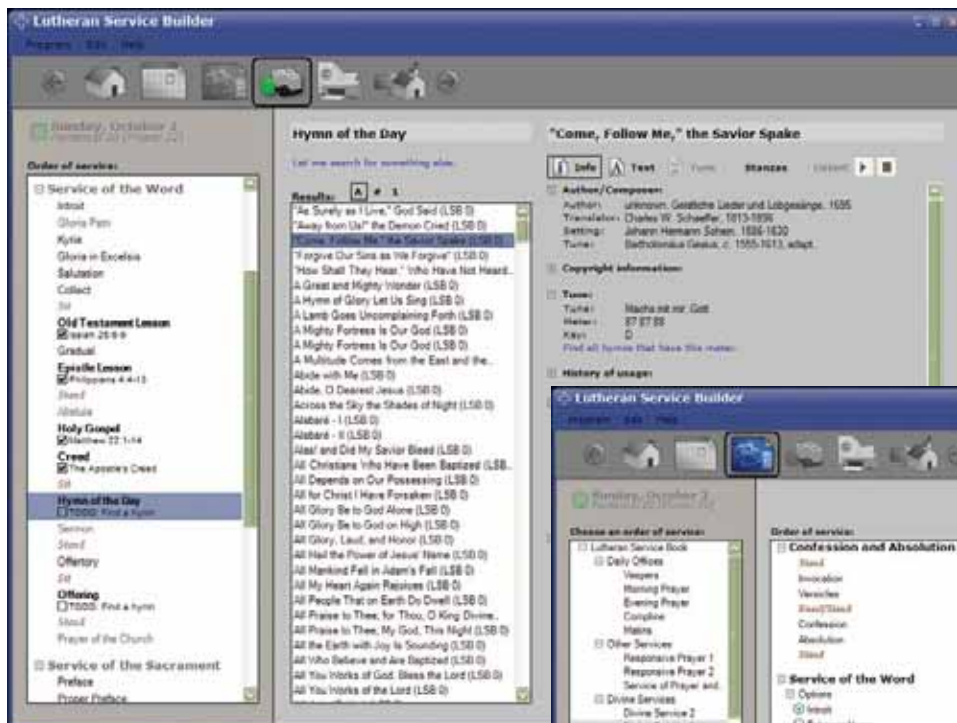
Almighty God, graciously comfort name in *his/her* suffering and be with *him/her* as *he/she* undergoes medical testing. Take away *his/her* fear, and strengthen

## PASTORAL CARE COMPANION ▶

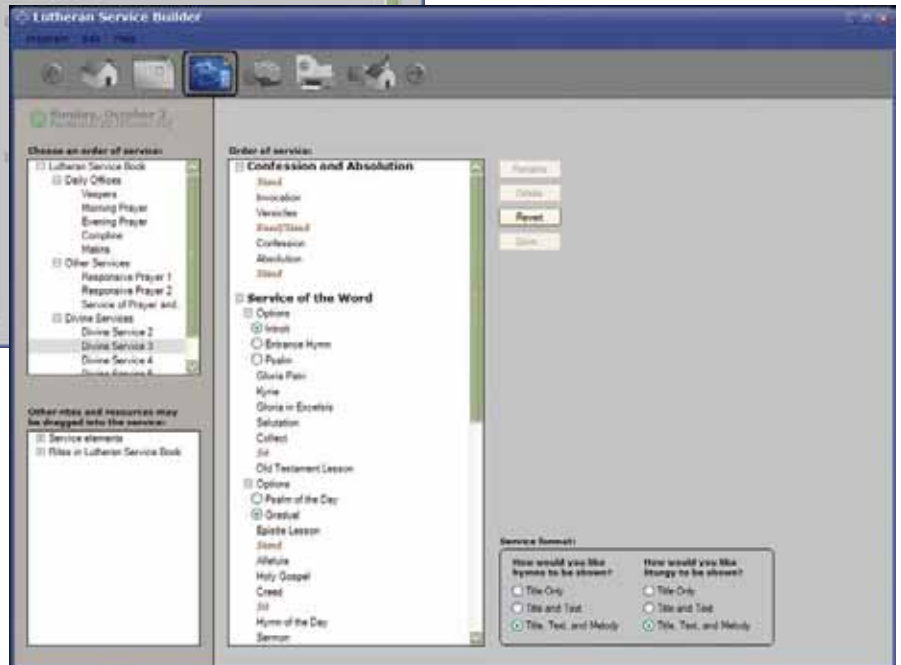
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  - Extensive psalm and Bible reading suggestions.
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- ❖ Annual updates providing new features and resources.
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- ❖ 250+ workshops across the country from mid-September through mid-November 2006.

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