

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 25th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, November 18, 2018 through Saturday, November 24, 2018

“Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ”

Exodus 32:1-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:15-28

“The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed” (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s Kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Exodus 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God’s judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. **“For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man”** (Matthew 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 120

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article VIII: What The Church Is

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 34, 143-152

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 18: Jeremiah 37:1-21 [*Revelation 17:1-18*]
Matthew 27:33-56

Monday, November 19: Jeremiah 38:1-44:30
Matthew 27:57-66

Tuesday, November 20: Daniel 1:1-21
Matthew 28:1-20

Wednesday, November 21: Daniel 2:1-23
Revelation 18:1-24

Thursday, November 22: Daniel 2:24-49
Revelation 19:1-21

Friday, November 23: Daniel 3:1-30
Revelation 20:1-15

Saturday, November 24: Daniel 4:1-37
Revelation 21:1-8

HYMN

Lord of Our Life

LSB 659:1,2

**Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.**

**See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
Se how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,
O Lord, preserve us.**

PRAYERS

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but † deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

EVENING PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *Last Sunday in the Church Year*

Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 149 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:1-13
Hymn of the Day *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* LSB 516