

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 17th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, October 13 through Saturday, October 19

“Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted”

Proverbs 25:6-14; Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 14:1-11

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Proverbs 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. Your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. **“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”** (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, move up higher,” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end

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.

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

The 2nd Part: Article IV—The Papacy

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 268-270

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 13: Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12
Matthew 12:22-37

Monday, October 14: Deuteronomy 12:13-32
Matthew 12:38-50

Tuesday, October 15: Deuteronomy 13:1-18
Matthew 13:1-23

Wednesday, October 16: Deuteronomy 14:1-15:15
Matthew 13:24-43

Thursday, October 17: Deuteronomy 15:16-16:22
Matthew 13:44-58

Friday, October 18: Deuteronomy 17:1-20
Matthew 14:1-21

Saturday, October 19: Deuteronomy 18:1-22
Matthew 14:22-36

HYMN

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557:1, 4

Seek where you may
To find a way
That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
On Christ I build,
He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
His works endure;
He overthrows
All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.

My heart's delight,
My crown most bright,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune's tide
Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
Shall guide my way
And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.

PRAYERS

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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, those in need, 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

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

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: *The 18th Sunday after Trinity*

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 Psalm 34 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 22:34-46

Hymn of the Day *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* LSB 708