

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 24th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, November 11, 2018 *through* Saturday, November 17, 2018

“The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation from Sin, Death, and Darkness”

Isaiah 51:9-16; Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 9:18-26

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life’s fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us **“to share in the inheritance of the saints of light”** delivering us from the dark domain (Colossians 1:9–14). **“I have put My words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of My hand, . . . You are my people”** (Isaiah 51:9–16). The presence of Christ, in Word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the Sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, **“Take heart, . . . your faith has saved you”** (Matthew 9:18–26). On the Last Day God will surely awaken us also from our slumber in Christ to the glory of the resurrection.

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 126

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article VII: Of The Church

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 11: Jeremiah 23:1-40
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 12: Jeremiah 25:1-18
Matthew 26:1-19

Tuesday, November 13: Jeremiah 26:1-19 [*Revelation 13:1-18*]
Matthew 26:20-35

Wednesday, November 14: Jeremiah 29:1-19 [*Revelation 14:1-20*]
Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday, November 15: Jeremiah 30:1-24 [*Revelation 15:1-8*]
Matthew 26:57-75

Friday, November 16: Jeremiah 31:1-40 [*Revelation 16:1-21*]
Matthew 27:1-10

Saturday, November 17: Jeremiah 32:1-36:32 [*45:1-52:34*]
Matthew 27:11-32

HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* *LSB 849:1,3*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYERS

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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: *The 25th Sunday after Trinity*

Job 14:1-6 Psalm 102 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 24:15-28

Hymn of the Day *Lord of Our Life* LSB 659