

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Festival of the Reformation*

Sunday, October 28, 2018 *through* Saturday, November 3, 2018

“The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace”

Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matthew 11:19). The true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the Incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance. But He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and **“remain in the house forever”** (John 8:35). He is **“a Friend of tax collectors and sinners”** (Matthew 11:19), and has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His Eternal Gospel **“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”** (Revelation 14:6), **“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”** (Romans 3:21), **“that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”** (Romans 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, **“whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith”** (Romans 3:25), **“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”** (John 8:31–32).

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 46

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article VI: Of New Obedience

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 33-34, 82-143

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 28: Deuteronomy 30:1-20
Matthew 19:1-15

Monday, October 29: Deuteronomy 31:1-29
Matthew 19:16-30

Tuesday, October 30: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27
Matthew 20:1-16

Wednesday, October 31: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; [33:1-29]
Matthew 20:17-34

Thursday, November 1: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 21:1-22

Friday, November 2: Jeremiah 1:1-3:5
Matthew 21:23-46

Saturday, November 3: Jeremiah 3:6-4:2
Matthew 22:1-22

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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**A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe,
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

PRAYERS

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

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.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *All Saints' Day*

Revelation 7:2-17
Hymn of the Day

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1-3

For All the Saints

Matthew 5:1-12
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