

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 13th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, September 15 through Saturday, September 21

“Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan”

2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Galatians 3:15-22; Luke 10:23-37

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Galatians 3:15–22). In Jesus’ parable, two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the Promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord clothes us, gives us food and drink, and brings us to our true and rightful home, as the good men of Samaria had done centuries earlier (2 Chronicles 28:8-15).

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 32

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

The 2nd Part: Article II – The Mass

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 264-267

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 15: 2 Chronicles 34:1-33 [*Nahum 1:1-3:19*]
Colossians 2:8-23

Monday, September 16: 2 Chronicles 35:1-27 [*Zephaniah 1:1-3:20*]
Colossians 3:1-25

Tuesday, September 17: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23 [*Philemon 1-25*]
Colossians 4:1-18

Wednesday, September 18: Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 [*Haggai 1:1-2:23*]
1 Timothy 1:1-20

Thursday, September 19: Nehemiah 2:11-3:32

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Friday, September 20: Nehemiah 4:1-23

1 Timothy 3:1-16

Saturday, September 21: Nehemiah 5:1-6:19

1 Timothy 4:1-16

HYMN

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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Jesus, Thy boundless love to me

O grant that nothing in my soul

No thought can reach, no tongue declare;

May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;

Unite my thankful heart to Thee,

Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,

And reign without a rival there!

My joy, my treasure, and my crown!

Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;

All coldness from my heart remove;

Be Thou alone my constant flame.

My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

PRAYERS

Almighty and Everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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 14th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 4:10-23

Psalm 119

Galatians 5:16-24

Luke 17:11-19

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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