

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 16th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, October 6 through Saturday, October 12

"Jesus Calls Forth Life From Death"

1 Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-17

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, **"Young man, I say to you, arise."** Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father **"is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think"** (Ephesians 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His Name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. **"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

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 30

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES

The 2nd Part: Article III—Chapters & Cloisters

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 267

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, October 6: Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9
Matthew 9:1-17

Monday, October 7: Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Matthew 9:18-38

Tuesday, October 8: Deuteronomy 7:1-19
Matthew 10:1-23

Wednesday, October 9: Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Matthew 10:24-42

Thursday, October 10: Deuteronomy 9:1-22

Matthew 11:1-19

Friday, October 11: Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22

Matthew 11:20-30

Saturday, October 12: Deuteronomy 11:1-25

Matthew 12:1-21

HYMN

The Will of God Is Always Best

LSB 758:1, 4

The will of God is always best

And shall be done forever;

And they who trust in Him are blest;

He will forsake them never.

He helps indeed

In time of need;

He chastens with forbearing.

They who depend

On God their friend,

Shall not be left despairing.

When life's brief course on earth is run

And I this world am leaving,

Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"

Your faithful Word believing.

My dearest Friend,

I now commend

My soul into Your keeping;

From sin and hell,

And death as well,

By You the vic'try reaping.

PRAYERS

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 17th Sunday after Trinity*

Proverbs 25:6-14

Psalm 2

Ephesians 4:1-6

Luke 14:1-11

Hymn of the Day

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

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