

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Sunday, September 22 through Saturday, September 28**

## **"The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy"**

Proverbs 4:10-23; Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, **"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"** (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. In a similar way, the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. **"Those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God"** (Galatians 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, **"Go and show yourselves to the priests."** And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Proverbs 4:10–23).

**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 119

**THE SMALCALD ARTICLES**

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Part: Article II—The Mass*

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

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, September 22: Nehemiah 7:1-8:18 [*Ezra 1:1-10:19*]  
1 Timothy 5:1-16

Monday, September 23: Nehemiah 9:1-21  
1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

Tuesday, September 24: Nehemiah 9:22-38 [*Nehemiah 10:1-13:31*]  
1 Timothy 6:3-21

Wednesday, September 25: Malachi 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:1-17 [*Matthew 1-2*]

Thursday, September 26: Malachi 2:1-3:5

Matthew 4:1-11

Friday, September 27: Malachi 3:6-4:6

Matthew 4:12-25

Saturday, September 28: Deuteronomy 1:1-18

Matthew 5:1-20

## **HYMN**

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

*LSB 683:1, 2*

**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.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children**

**With a strong, yet gentle, Word**

**Praise the One who drove out demons**

**With the piercing, two-edged sword.**

**Praise the One who brings cool water**

**To the desert's burning sand;**

**From this Well comes Living Water,**

**Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

## **PRAYERS**

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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.

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY:** *The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3    Psalm 91    Revelation 12:7-12    Matthew 18:1-11

Hymn of the Day            *Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise*            LSB 522