

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Sunday, July 28, 2019 through Saturday, August 3, 2019**

## **“Our Only Hope Is in Christ’s Righteousness”**

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 5:17-26

**“Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven”** (Matthew 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Exodus 20:1–17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ’s death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Romans 6:1–11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea **“out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery”** (Exodus 20:2). Therefore, **“consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus”** (Romans 6:11).

**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 19

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION** *Article XXVI: The Distinction of Meats*

*See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 50-53*

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, July 28: 1 Samuel 13:1-14:46  
Acts 23:12-35

Monday, July 29: 1 Samuel 14:47-15:9  
Acts 24:1-23

Tuesday, July 30: 1 Samuel 15:10-35  
Acts 24:24-25:12

Wednesday, July 31: 1 Samuel 16:1-23  
Acts 25:13-27

Thursday, August 1: 1 Samuel 17:1-19  
Acts 22:6:1-23

Friday, August 2: 1 Samuel 17:20-47  
Acts 26:24-27:8

Saturday, August 3: 1 Samuel 17:48-18:9  
Acts 27:9-26

### **HYMN**

*All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

*LSB 562:1, 4*

**All mankind fell in Adam's fall;            But Christ, the second Adam, came  
One common sin infects us all.            To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
From one to all the curse descends,        To be our life, our light, our way,  
And over all God's wrath impends.        Our only hope, our only stay.**

### **PRAYERS**

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 7)

Genesis 2:7-17

Psalm 33

Romans 6:19-23

Mark 8:1-9

Hymn of the Day

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*

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