

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 through Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**“God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil”**

Genesis 1:1-2:3; Ephesians 6:10-17; John 4:46-54

**“Let there be light,’ and there was light”** (Genesis 1:1–2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, **“Go; your son will live”** (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Ephesians 6:10–17). **“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”**

**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 8

## **THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**

### *Article VI: Of New Obedience*

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

## **DAILY READINGS**

- Sunday, October 21: Deuteronomy 20:1-20  
Matthew 15:21-39
- Monday, October 22: Deuteronomy 21:1-23 [22:1-24:9]  
Matthew 16:1-12
- Tuesday, October 23: Deuteronomy 24:10-25:16  
Matthew 16:13-28
- Wednesday, October 24: Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19  
Matthew 17:1-13
- Thursday, October 25: Deuteronomy 27:1-26  
Matthew 17:14-27
- Friday, October 26: Deuteronomy 28:1-22  
Matthew 18:1-20
- Saturday, October 27: Deuteronomy 29:1-29  
Matthew 18:21-35

**HYMN**

*From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

*LSB 607:1,*

From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb' rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could Heaven ever win  
Or stand before Thy presence?

Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just;  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

**PRAYERS**

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in 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, 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: *The Festival of the Reformation***

Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36
Hymn of the Day	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>		LSB 657