

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 11th Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, September 1, 2019 *through* Saturday, September 7, 2019

"The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly"

Genesis 4:1-15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-10; Luke 18:9-14

"And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard" (Genesis 4:1-15). Unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, **"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"** was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). **"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"** (Ephesians 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:1-10). Therefore, **"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

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 50

THE SMALCALD ARTICLES *The First Part*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 262

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 1: 1 Kings 18:1-19
Ephesians 1:1-23

Monday, September 2: 1 Kings 18:20-46
Ephesians 2:1-22

Tuesday, September 3: 1 Kings 19:1-22:53
Ephesians 3:1-21

Wednesday, September 4: 2 Kings 1:1-2:18
Ephesians 4:1-24

Thursday, September 5: 2 Kings 2:19-4:7

Ephesians 4:25-5:14

Friday, September 6: 2 Kings 4:8-37

Ephesians 5:15-33

Saturday, September 7: 2 Kings 4:38-5:8

Ephesians 6:1-24

HYMN

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559:1, 3

Oh, how great is Your compassion,

Firmly to our soul's salvation

Faithful Father, God of grace

Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,

That with all our fallen race

In Your Sacraments and Word.

In our depth of degradation

There He sends true consolation,

You had mercy so that we

Giving us the gift of faith

Might be saved eternally!

That we fear not hell nor death.

PRAYERS

Almighty and Everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, 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 12th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 12)

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalms 146

Romans 10:9-17

Mark 7:31-37

Hymn of the Day

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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