

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Sunday, November 17 *through* Saturday, November 23**

## **“Walking Humbly with Our God and Forgiving One Another”**

Micah 6:6-8; Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 18:21-35

With what shall we come before the Lord who forgives all our sins? How often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matthew 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our burnt offerings or thousands of rams, which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His Holy Meal, for the sin of our souls. Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness. As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another with the affection of Christ Jesus. As forgiven sinners, filled with the fruit of Christ’s righteousness, our love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, for He leads us to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God.

**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 116

**THE SMALCALD ARTICLES**

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Part: Article V—Baptism*

*See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, p. 278*

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, November 17: Jeremiah 32:1-36:32 [45:1-52:34]  
Matthew 27:11-32

Monday, November 18: Jeremiah 37:1-21 [Revelation 17:1-18]  
Matthew 27:33-56

Tuesday, November 19: Jeremiah 38:1-44:30  
Matthew 27:57-66

Wednesday, November 20: Daniel 1:1-21  
Matthew 28:1-20

Thursday, November 21: Daniel 2:1-23

Revelation 18:1-24

Friday, November 22: Daniel 2:24-49

Revelation 19:1-21

Saturday, November 23: Daniel 3:1-30

Revelation 20:1-15

### **HYMN**

*All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

*LSB 562:1, 5*

All mankind fell in Adam's fall;      As by one man all mankind fell  
One common sin infects us all.      And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
From to all the curse descends,      So by one Man, who took our place,  
And over all God's wrath impends.      We all were justified by grace.

### **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, 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 Last Sunday of the Church Year*

Isaiah 65:17-25      Psalm 149      1 Thessalonians 5:1-11      Matthew 25:1-13

Hymn of the Day      *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*      LSB 516