

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The First Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, June 23, 2019 through Saturday, June 29, 2019

“Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal”

Genesis 15:1-6; 1 John 4:16-21; Luke 16:19-31

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham’s Bosom, for he was truly Abraham’s seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord **“counted it to him as righteousness”** (Genesis 15:6). The name Lazarus means “God is my help.” The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. He evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And **“he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen”** (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19–31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

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 33

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XXI: Worship of the Saints

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 44-45, 202-208

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, June 23: Proverbs 27:1-29:27
John 20:1-18

Monday, June 24: Proverbs 30:1-33
John 20:19-31

Tuesday, June 25: Proverbs 31:1-31
John 21:1-25

Wednesday, June 26: Joshua 1:1-18
Acts 1:1-2:47

Thursday, June 27: Joshua 2:1-24

Acts 3:1-5:42

Friday, June 28: Joshua 3:1-17

Acts 6:1-7:60

Saturday, June 29: Joshua 4:1-24

Acts 8:1-9:43

HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708:1

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;

I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,

With tender mercy cheer me.

Earth has no pleasure I would share.

Yea, Heav'n itself were void and bare

If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break,

My trust in Thee can nothing shake.

Thou art the portion I have sought;

Thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord, Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,

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Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

PRAYERS

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus 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 2nd Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 2)

Proverbs 9:1-10

Psalms 34

Ephesians 2:13-22

Luke 14:15-24

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730