

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Exaudi* (Easter 7)

Sunday, June 2, 2019 through Saturday, June 8, 2019

“The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus”

Ezekiel 36:22-28; 1 Peter 4:7-14; John 15:26-16:4

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. **“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”** (John 16:2). Yet, it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore, we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Peter 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezekiel 36:22–28). He now works in us a fervent, self-giving love for one another, a love which covers a multitude of sins, **“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”** (1 Peter 4:11)

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 51

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XX: Good Works*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 41-44, 199-201

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, June 2: Numbers 14:1-25
Luke 18:18-34

Monday, June 3: Numbers 14:26-15:41
Luke 18:35-19:10

Tuesday, June 4: Numbers 16:1-22
Luke 19:11-28

Wednesday, June 5: Numbers 16:23-40
Luke 19:29-48

Thursday, June 6: Numbers 16:41-19:22
Luke 20:1-18

Friday, June 7: Numbers 20:1-21
Luke 20:19-44

Saturday, June 8: Numbers 20:22-21:9
Luke 20:45-21:19

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490:1, 2

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!	Jesus lives! To Him the throne
Death no longer can appall me;	High above all things is given.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!	I shall go where He is gone,
From the grave will Christ recall me.	Live and reign with Him in Heaven.
Brighter scenes will then commence;	God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.	This shall be my confidence.

PRAYERS

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of Truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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 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.

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.

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 Feast of Pentecost* (Whitsunday)

Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 143 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:23-31
Hymn of the Day *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* LSB 497