

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday, February 3, 2019 through Saturday, February 9, 2019

“Jesus Is Lord of All Creation”

Jonah 1:1-17; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 8:23-27

In Jonah we see ourselves. The prophet fled from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:1–17) even as we sinners turn our backs on God and go our own way. This brings the storm of God’s judgment. However, in Jonah we also see Christ. For even as he was in the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ Jesus was buried in the depths of death for us and raised on the third day. The Lord of creation, who rules over the wind and the wave (Matthew 8:23–27), saved us from the fury of divine wrath by taking the judgment in His own body. His love is the fulfillment of the Law. Though our faith may be weak in the face of peril, yet we are kept in safety on the ship of the Church, for the Son of God is with us. Though the whole creation groans with us under the curse, yet by Jesus’ speaking, there is a great calm. We know that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us (Romans 8:18–23).

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 96

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XI: Confession

See *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, pp. 35-37, 155-157

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, February 3: Zechariah 14:1-21

Titus 2:7-3:15

Monday, February 4: Job 1:1-22

John 1:1-18

Tuesday, February 5: Job 2:1-3:10

John 1:19-34

Wednesday, February 6: Job 3:11-26

John 1:35-51

Thursday, February 7: Job 4:1-21

John 2:1-12

Friday, February 8: Job 5:1-27
John 2:13-25

Saturday, February 9: Job 6:1-13
John 3:1-21

HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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Jesus, priceless treasure,

Hence, all fear and sadness!

Fount of purest pleasure,

For the Lord of gladness,

Truest friend to me,

Jesus enters in.

Ah, how long in anguish,

Those who love the Father,

Shall my spirit languish,

Though the storms may gather,

Yearning, Lord, for Thee?

Still have peace within.

Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!

Yea, whate'er I here must bear,

I will suffer naught to hide Thee;

Thou art still my purest pleasure,

Naught I ask beside Thee.

Jesus, priceless treasure!

PRAYERS

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 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 Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Hymn of the Day

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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