

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Sexagesima*

Sunday, February 24, 2019 *through* Saturday, March 2, 2019

“Scripture Alone”

Isaiah 55:10-13; 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9; Luke 8:4-15

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ’s cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed that fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life in order to produce much grain. He is the Word of the Father that does not return void (Isaiah 55:10–13), but yields a harvest hundredfold. And, in Him, the weak are strong (2 Corinthians 11:19–12:9).

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 84

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XIV: Order in the Church*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 38, 186-187

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, February 24: Job 19:1-29
John 8:1-20

Monday, February 25: Job 20:1-29
John 8:21-38

Tuesday, February 26: Job 21:1-34 [22:1-30:15]
John 8:39-59

Wednesday, February 27: Job 30:16-31
John 9:1-23

Thursday, February 28: Job 31:1-32:22
John 9:24-10:21

Friday, March 1: Job 33:1-18
John 10:22-42

Saturday, March 2: Job 33:19-34:9
John 11:1-16

HYMN

Preach You the Word

LSB 586:1, 3

**Preach you the Word
and plant it home**

To men who like or like it not,

**The Word that shall
endure and stand**

**When flow'rs and men
shall be forgot.**

The sower sows;

His reckless love

Scatters abroad the goodly seed,

Intent alone

that all may have

The wholesome loaves

that all men need.

PRAYERS

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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: *Quinquagesima (Pre-Lent 3)*

Isaiah 35:3-7

Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 18:31-43

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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