

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Septuagesima*

Sunday, February 17, 2019 *through* Saturday, February 23, 2019

## **“Grace Alone”**

Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5; Matthew 20:1-16

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Exodus 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matthew 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. The Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve, but rather on the basis of His abounding, inexhaustible grace in Christ. Those who desire to be first—the ones who rely on their own merits—will be last: **“For they were overthrown in the wilderness”** (1 Corinthians 10:5). But those who are last, who rely solely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed in order that we may be cleansed of our sin.

**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 95

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**          *Article XIII: The Use of the Sacraments*

*See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 38, 184-186*

## **DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, February 17: Job 13:1-12  
John 6:1-21

Monday, February 18: Job 13:13-28  
John 6:22-40

Tuesday, February 19: Job 14:1-22  
John 6:41-59

Wednesday, February 20: Job 15:1-35  
John 6:60-71

Thursday, February 21: Job 16:1-22  
John 7:1-13

Friday, February 22: Job 17:1-16  
John 7:14-31

Saturday, February 23: Job 18:1-21  
John 7:32-53

**HYMN**

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

*LSB 555:1, 9*

**Salvation unto us has come**

**By God's free grace and favor;**

**Good works cannot avert our doom,**

**They help and save us never.**

**Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,**

**Who did for all the world atone;**

**He is our one Redeemer.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone**

**And rests in Him unceasing;**

**And by its fruits true faith is known,**

**With love and hope increasing.**

**For faith alone can justify;**

**Works serve our neighbor and supply**

**The proof that faith is living.**

**PRAYERS**

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people, that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your Name; 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.

### **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: Sexagesima (Pre-Lent 2)**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Hymn of the Day

*Preach You the Word*

LSB 586

### **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.