

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Quasimodo Geniti* (Easter 2)

Sunday, April 28, 2019 *through* Saturday, May 4, 2019

“The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life”

Ezekiel 37:1-14; 1 John 5:4-10; John 20:19-31

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). The three of these point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, from which blood and water flowed, saying **“Peace be with you.”** He presents the wounds, which turn our fear to gladness and restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, **“Receive the Holy Spirit”** (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezekiel 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His Name.

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 XX: Good Works

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, April 28: Exodus 20:1-21:36

Luke 4:1-15

Monday, April 29: Exodus 22:1-23:13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, April 30: Exodus 23:14-33

Luke 4:31-44

Wednesday, May 1: Exodus 24:1-18

Luke 5:1-16

Thursday, May 2: Exodus 25:1-30:38

Luke 5:17-39

Friday, May 3: Exodus 31:1-18

Luke 6:1-19

Saturday, May 4: Exodus 32:1-14

Luke 6:20-38

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470:1, 8

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your Life-Giving Spirit; 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 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: *Misericordias Domini* (Easter 3)

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:21-25

John 10:11-16

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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