

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Reminiscere* (Lent 2)

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

“Holding God to His Word”

Genesis 32:22-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 15:21-28

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Genesis 32:22–32). So, too, did the Canaanite woman wrestle with God. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His Name and look to Him for help (Matthew 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: **“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”** This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. **“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”** This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thessalonians 4:1–8)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Romans 5:1–5).

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 121

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XV: Church Ceremonies

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 39, 187-194

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 10: Genesis 16:1-17:22
Mark 6:1-13

Monday, March 11: Genesis 18:1-20:18
Mark 6:14-34

Tuesday, March 12: Genesis 21:1-21
Mark 6:35-56

Wednesday, March 13: Genesis 22:1-23:20
Mark 7:1-23

Thursday, March 14: Genesis 24:1-31
Mark 7:24-37

Friday, March 15: Genesis 24:32-26:35

Mark 8:1-21

Saturday, March 16: Genesis 27:1-29

Mark 8:22-38

HYMN

When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615:1, 5

When in the hour of deepest need

O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;

We know not where to look for aid;

Absolve us through Your

When days and nights

boundless grace.

of anxious thought

Be with us in our anguish still;

No help or counsel yet have brought.

Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

PRAYERS

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Oculi (Lent 3)

Exodus 8:16-24

Psalm 4

Ephesians 5:1-9

Luke 11:14-28

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Our Life

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