

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Misericordias Domini* (Easter 3)

Sunday, May 5, 2019 *through* Saturday, May 11, 2019

“The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep”

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Peter 2:21-25; John 10:11-16

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling who cares nothing for the sheep but only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezekiel 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in a rich pasture. He binds up the broken and He strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of Holy Baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His Holy Supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). **“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”** (1 Peter 2:25).

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 23

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XX: Good Works

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, May 5: Exodus 32:15-35

Luke 6:39-49

Monday, May 6: Exodus 33:1-23

Luke 7:1-17

Tuesday, May 7: Exodus 34:1-28

Luke 7:18-35

Wednesday, May 8: Exodus 34:29-38:20

Luke 7:36-50

Thursday, May 9: Exodus 38:21-39:21

Luke 8:1-21

Friday, May 10: Exodus 39:32-40:16

Luke 8:8:22-39

Saturday, May 11: Exodus 40:17-38 [*Leviticus 1:1-7:38*]

Luke 8:40-56

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709:1, 6

The King of love my Shepherd is,

And so through all the length of days

Whose goodness faileth never;

Thy goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise

And He is mine forever.

Within Thy house forever!

PRAYERS

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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: *Jubilate* (Easter 4)

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 147

1 Peter 2:11-20

John 16:16-22

Hymn of the Day

With High Delight Let Us Unite

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