

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

Sunday, April 21, 2019 *through* Saturday, April 27, 2019

“Christ’s Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised”

Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Mark 16:1-20

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–20). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. **“After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God”** (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: **“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”** (1 Corinthians 15:54–55, 57).

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 118

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XX: Good Works

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

DAILY READINGS

Easter Sunday, April 21: Exodus 14:10-31
Hebrews 7:23-8:13

Monday, April 22: Exodus 15:1-18
Hebrews 9:1-28

Tuesday, April 23: Exodus 15:19-16:12
Hebrews 10:1-18

Wednesday, April 24: Exodus 16:13-35
Hebrews 10:19-39

Thursday, April 25: Exodus 17:1-16
Hebrews 11:1-40

Friday, April 26: Exodus 18:1-27
Hebrews 12:1-29

Saturday, April 27: Exodus 19:1-25
Hebrews 13:1-25

HYMN

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

LSB 458:1, 7

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from Heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be,
And sing to God right thankfully,
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!

Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the Bread of Heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
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: *Quasimodo Geniti* (Easter 2)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 33

1 John 5:4-10

John 20:19-31

Hymn of the Day

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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