

# The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

Sunday, January 20, 2019 *through* Saturday, January 26, 2019

## **“The First Miracle of Jesus Reveals the Glory of God”**

Exodus 33:12-23; Romans 12:6-16; John 2:1-11

The coming of the Messianic Kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that **“the mountains shall drip sweet wine”** (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The **“back of God”** (Exodus 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Ephesians 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the Holy Sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to **“love one another with brotherly affection . . .”** and **“outdo one another in showing honor”** (Romans 12:6–16).

**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 111

**THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION**

*Article XII: Repentance*

See *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, pp. 37-38, 157-171

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday, January 20: Ezekiel 46:1-48:35  
Romans 9:19-33

Monday, January 21: Joel 1:1-20  
Romans 10:1-21

Tuesday, January 22: Joel 2:1-17  
Romans 11:1-24

Wednesday, January 23: Joel 2:18-32  
Romans 11:25-12:13

Thursday, January 24: Joel 3:1-21  
Romans 12:14-13:14

Friday, January 25: Zechariah 1:1-21

Romans 14:1-23

Saturday, January 26: Zechariah 2:1-3:10

Romans 15:1-13

**HYMN**

*The Only Son from Heaven*

*LSB 402:1, 3*

The only Son from Heaven,  
Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given,  
In human form appears,  
No sphere His light confining,  
No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.

O Lord, our hearts awaken  
To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving,  
Each glimpse of Heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.

**PRAYERS**

Almighty and Everlasting God, who governs all things in Heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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: *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

2 Kings 5:1-15a

Psalm 110

Romans 12:16-21

Matthew 8:1-13

Hymn of the Day

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

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