

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Baptism of Our Lord*

Sunday, January 13, 2019 *through* Saturday, January 19, 2019

“In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners”

Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 3:13-17

Our Lord Jesus is baptized **“to fulfill all righteousness”** (Matthew 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in **“Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption”** (1 Corinthians 1:26–31). Jesus is the “chosen” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Isaiah 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the Promised Land of new life with God.

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 85

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article XII: Repentance

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, January 13: Ezekiel 36:13-32

Romans 4:1-25

Monday, January 14: Ezekiel 36:33-37:14

Romans 5:1-21

Tuesday, January 15: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Romans 6:1-23

Wednesday, January 16: Ezekiel 38:1-23

Romans 7:1-20

Thursday, January 17: Ezekiel 39:1-29

Romans 7:21-8:17

Friday, January 18: Ezekiel 40:1-43:27
Romans 8:18-39

Saturday, January 19: Ezekiel 44:1-45:25
Romans 9:1-18

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394:1,5

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy Holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

PRAYERS

Father in Heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your Beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His Name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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: *The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany*

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 111

Romans 12:6-16

John 2:1-11

Hymn of the Day

The Only Son from Heaven

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