

Daily Prayers for the week of Trinity XII – 08/30/2020

**OPENING VERSICLES:**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 70 and / or the psalms listed below**

Sun: 85; 86; Mon: 88; 87; Tues: 89; 90; Wed: 91; 93;  
Thurs: 92; 94; Fri: 95, 96; 97; Sat: 98, 100; 99

**AUGUST HYMN: 559 – How Great is Your Compassion**

Hymn: 820

**CATECHISM:**

*What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?*

**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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:31-37 ESV**

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**RESPONSE:** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CATECHESIS:**

Jesus looked up to heaven, sighed and said, “Ephphatha,” that is “be opened”. With this word, Jesus opened the ears and the mouth of the deaf man to faith and salvation. This miracle is a picture of the Christian faith. As we confess, “I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him, but the

Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel...” Faith is bestowed by the Words of Jesus when the Spirit opens our ears to hear the gospel itself. This is also a profound miracle. And it is comforting to know that faith does not rest on what we do, but what Christ has done for us through the working of the Spirit. By the Word of God, the Lord not only creates faith to believe in Him, but also bestows upon us grace and every blessing that Jesus won for us on the cross.

**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 sits 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.**

**KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**COLLECT OF THE WEEK:**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service : grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

(p. 327 in the hymnal or in Section 2 Daily Prayers in the Catechism)

**BENEDICAMUS:**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Looking ahead to Trinity XIII – 09/06/2020:**

2 Chronicles 28:8-15;

Galatians 3:15-22;

Luke 10:23-37;

Chief Hymn: 683 – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me