

Daily Prayers for the week of Trinity XIX – 10/04/2020

**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.**  
**Glorify 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 34 and / or the psalms listed below**

Sun: 19, 20; 21; Mon: 22; 23, 24; Tues: 26, 27; 25; Wed: 30; 28, 29;  
Thurs: 32; 31; Fri: 33; 34; Sat: 35; 36

**OCTOBER HYMN: 655 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word** Hymn: 708

**CATECHISM:**

*What is the Fifth Commandment?*

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

*What is the Sixth Commandment?*

**You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:1-8 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup> And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup> And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’ <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup> And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**CATECHESIS:**

Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic. Despite the controversy amongst the scribes, Jesus has the authority to forgive sins on earth as a man. This is not according to His divinity. But this is according to His humanity which has been assumed into the divinity. Jesus is a man and as a man He exercises divine rights. So He forgives sins. This is beyond the understanding of the scribes, however it is still true. Our Lord has so joined Himself to fallen man that He will even die with them and for them. Jesus

has made Himself the perfect sacrifice and offering for the sins of the world and by this, Jesus reconciles all men to His Father in heaven. On this basis and on His authority to lay down His life and take it up again, Jesus has the authority to forgive sins even as a man. And so our Lord continues to forgive the sins of fallen man through the sinful men that our Lord raises up into the Office of the Holy Ministry. Pastors do not speak on their own authority but they speak on the authority of our crucified and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ who has placed them in His stead and by His command to forgive sins.

**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:**

O Almighty and most merciful God : of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; 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 XX – 10/11/2020:**

Isaiah 55:1-9;

Ephesians 5:15-21;

Matthew 22:1-14

Chief Hymn: 627 – Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior