Daily Prayers for the week of *Septuagesima* – 01/31/2021

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 18 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 119:49-72; 119:73-88; Mon: 119:89-112; 119:113-136; Tues: 119:137-152; 119:153-176;
Wed: 122, 123; 124; Thurs: 125, 126; 127; Fri: 128, 129; 130; Sat: 131, 132; 133, 134

JANUARY HYMN: 402 – The Only Son From Heaven Hymn: 555

CATECHISM:

How can water do such great things?
Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. [Titus 3:5-8]

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16 ESV

[1] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4] and to them he said, You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you. [5] So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6] And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? [7] They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You go into the vineyard too. [8] And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first. [9] And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12] saying, These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat. [13] But he replied to one of them, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? [16] So the last will be first, and the first last.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHESIS:

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a foolish master who pays people for doing nothing. According to human reason, salvation is unfair because it is not based on man's works, but it is given freely out of mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ. This parable teaches us that our Lord's grace and mercy shows no partiality in the bestowal of salvation. This gift is given solely on the basis of our Lord's undeserved love. This was revealed when Jesus who was the first one of all, humbled Himself and took the very lowest and last position in His death as a sinner. So that you, who are a sinner and deserve to be the last, are elevated to the first position, the right hand of God by Christ's forgiveness and mercy.

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 Lord, we beseech Thee : favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and 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 *Sexagesima* – 02/16/2020:

OT: Isa 55:10-13; Ep: 2 Cor 11:19-12:9; Gospel: Luke 8:4-15 Chief Hymn: 823