

Daily Prayers for the week of Sexagesima – 02/07/2021

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.**
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.

PSALMODY: Psalm 44 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 135; 136; Mon: 137, 138; 139; Tues: 140, 141; 142, 143;
Wed: 144; 145; Thurs: 147; 146; Fri: 148; 149, 150; Sat: 1, 2; 3

FEBRUARY HYMN: 615 – When in the Hour of Deepest Need Hymn: 823

CATECHISM:

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [Rom. 6:4]

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:4-15 ESV

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵ A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold. As he said these things, he called out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear. ⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

RESPONSE: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thanks be to God.

CATECHESIS:

The Word of Christ alone gives birth to and sustains faith in Christ. The enemies of faith are the devil, persecution, earthly cares and pleasures of this life. This parable teaches us that it is a miracle that anyone comes to faith. Jesus is the Sower. His Gospel is the Seed. Our Lord desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that we would turn from our evil ways and live. Jesus demonstrates this in His indiscriminate sowing of the Seed of the Gospel. He demonstrates His passion for giving away the saving Word to the unworthy, even though they may not receive it, or may later reject it. It all seems wasteful, but instead it is merciful. In our Lord's rich mercy, He has died on the cross, and He richly forgives you all of your 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 God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do : mercifully grant that by Thy power, we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:

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(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 Quinquagesima – 02/14/2021:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 18:31-43; Hymn: 685