

Daily Prayers for the week of Pentecost – 05/23/2021

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 68 and / or the psalms listed below

Sun: 51; 52, 53; Mon: 54, 56; 55; Tues: 59; 57, 58; Wed: 60, 61; 62;
Thurs: 65; 63, 64; Fri: 66; 67, 70; Sat: 68; 69

MAY HYMN: 498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest Hymn: 497

CATECHISM:

What is the Third Article? 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: John 14:23-31 ESV

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

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

CATECHESIS:

Jesus says, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words..." The love of which Jesus speaks is the love of faith in

Christ. It is the desire to receive all the forgiveness, life, and salvation that our Lord wants to give us. It is to trust in Him above all things. Such a love "keeps His Word." To "keep" the Word is to cling to it in faith, to find our greatest delight in the Word, to watch, to pray, to cry out to God, to confess sin, to receive Absolution and the Supper, and to live in the freedom of Jesus' forgiveness. Loving Christ and keeping His Word is alien to the Old Adam within us. In fact, quite often we are troubled by our lovelessness and faithlessness, so that we may even question our salvation. But the Holy Spirit comforts us. He testifies of Jesus and the love of God. He calls us to this faith and love, again and again, that we might receive Christ and His peace for our troubled hearts. By the Word and Spirit we sinners become the home of the blessed Trinity who gives us new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit : grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit : 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 Holy Trinity – 06/06/2021:

Isa 6:1-7; Rom 11:33-36; Jn 3:1-15; Hymn: 498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest