

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.  
**R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.**  
V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.  
**R: I will glorify Your name forever.**  
V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.**  
V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.  
**R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.  
**R: Listen to my cry for mercy.**

#### The Collect

O God, as You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In our prayers: Pastor, Kimberly Simone

#### Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

**I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

V: Let us bless the Lord.  
**R: Thanks be to God.**  
V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R: Amen.**

#### **Looking Forward to Next Week**

**3 August- 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

OT Lesson: Genesis 4: 1- 15

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2: 1- 10

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18: 9- 14

Sermon: What Could We Possibly Bring to God?

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

July 27 – August 2, 2008

## The Church Calendar

### **August 1 – Deliverance of the Apostle Peter**

We read the story of Peter's deliverance in Acts 12:1-17. King Herod Agrippa I (grandson of Herod the Great, who tried to kill the infant Jesus (Matthew 2), nephew of Herod Antipas, who killed John the Baptist (Mark 6) and examined Jesus on Good Friday (Luke 23), and father of Herod Agrippa II, who heard the defense of Paul before Festus (Acts 25)), acting probably in 42 AD, put the Apostle James bar-Zebedee to death, and imprisoned Peter with the intent of killing him also. But as Peter slept, chained to guards, an angel jabbed him in the ribs and said, "Get up, get dressed, and follow me." He led Peter out of the prison and a few blocks away, and there left him. Peter went to a house where many Christians had gathered to pray for him, got an interesting reception, gave them a message for James, kinsman of Jesus and head of the Jerusalem community, and left Jerusalem for a while. Soon after (in 44 AD, at the age of 34), Herod died suddenly.

These events took place around Passover time, but to commemorate them then would be a distraction from the theme of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Our Lord. They are accordingly celebrated on 1 August, the anniversary of the dedication of a church which was said to possess a length of the chain with which Peter had been bound.

**Collect:** Gracious Father, by whose hand thy servant Simon Peter was most wonderfully delivered out of prison and from impending death: Grant us, in all the changes and chances of this mortal life, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care upon thee, who carest for us. When disasters lie ahead, help us to avoid them if we may, and to endure them if we must, knowing that we walk with him who endured all for us, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

## The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

**R: and my mouth will declare your praise**

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

**R: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**All: 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, world without end. Amen.**

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-110/66; Mo-62/73; Tu-13/36; We-96/132; Th-116/26;

Fri-85/25; Sa-61/138

### The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11	Pref. to BOC cont.
Mon	1 Samuel 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35	Pref. to BOC cont.
Tue	1 Sam 14:7-15:9	Acts 24:1-23	Pref. to BOC cont.
Wed	1 Sam 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12	Pref. to BOC cont.
Thu	1 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27	FC SD Intro 1-10
Fri	1 Samuel 17:1-19	Acts 26:1-23	FC SD Summ. Form. 1-8
Sat	1 Sam 17:20-47	Acts 26:24-27:8	FC SD Summ. Form 9-20

### The Catechism – The Creed

#### Second Article

**And [I believe] 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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Hymn: LW 462 The Day is Surely Drawing Near

#### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (prayed together)

**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.**

The Creed (confessed by all)

**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.**

#### The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R: And let my cry come to You.**

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

**R: For You answer me.**

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

**R: And blot out all my iniquity.**

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**R: And renew a right spirit within me.**

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

**R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

**R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.**

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

**R: My lips shall praise You**

V: Because You have been my help.

**R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.**