

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND HIS PASSION

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread..."

5th Wednesday of Lent ~ March 25, 2020...7:00 PM

WELCOME. . . During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will study the Lord's Prayer in light of our Savior's suffering and death. As we blend this model prayer with the familiar scenes of Jesus' passion, our prayer life takes on new and richer meaning. May God bless our Lenten worship.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LBW # 499

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER: (A prayer of Martin Luther)

O Heavenly Father, grant us grace that as we eat our daily bread and do our daily work, the life, words, works and sufferings of Christ may be preached, made known, and preserved for us and all the world. Help us to keep His words and works in all walks of life as a powerful example and as the source of strength to practice godly virtue. Enable us in our sufferings and tribulations to be strengthened and comforted by His sufferings and cross. Help us to conquer our death by a firm faith in His victory over death and boldly follow our beloved Leader, Jesus Christ, into the life beyond. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 30:5-9

5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

6 Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

7 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:

8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,

9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.

THE GOSPEL: John 19:23-27

3 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic.[a] But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

EXPLAINING THE WORD

P: Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean?

C: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P: What is meant by daily bread?

C: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

SERMON HYMN: "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" LBW #460

SERMON: "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread ..." Matthew 6:11; John 19:23-24

CONFESSING THE WORD

THE CREED: *Explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed*

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Offering may be dropped off or mailed to the church office as a response to God's goodness and in support of our continued ministry.*)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....sung by Wayne Pohlmann

THE BENEDICTION: May the One God and Father of us all, Who is over all and in all and through all things, bless and keep us through faith in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O God, My Faithful God" LBW #504