

“He Suffered the Opposition of Hell”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 25:15-16, 1-2, 17-18, 20**

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,*
 for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.
 Turn Yourself to me, and have mer- | cy on me,*
 for I am desolate and af- | flicted.
 To You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*
 O my God, I trust in You; let me not | be ashamed;
 the troubles of my heart | have enlarged;*
 bring me out of | my distresses!
 Look on my affliction | and my pain,*
 and forgive | all my sins.
 Keep my soul, and de- | liver me;*
 let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust in You.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Psalm 43:3**
 “Send out Your light and truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 We implore You, almighty and merciful Father, to look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation** TLH 258, LSB 609
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1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation.
 Star of our night and Hope of every nation,
 Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
 Lord God Almighty.
2. Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
 Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
 Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
 Calm Thy foes' raging.
3. Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
 Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
 Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaileth;
 Grant us Thy peace, Lord.
4. Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
 Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
 Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven,
 Peace in Thy heaven.

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE 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.

3 PRAY THE 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.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening. 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 evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered the Opposition of Hell

When Jesus came in the flesh to deliver us from this body of death, to accomplish our salvation, to conquer the kingdom of darkness, of sin, death, and the devil, He faced the opposition of these dark enemies. Yet light cannot be overcome by darkness, and in Jesus, the Light and Truth of God has now fully entered the world, bringing the Kingdom of God into our midst, establishing it forever. The Kingdom of God has conquered the kingdom of the devil and now there is no more room for sin, death, and the devil. Light and Truth prevail in Christ Jesus, unto life everlasting. This Kingdom is extended where God's Word is proclaimed, and His holy sacraments given.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:14-28 Thy Kingdom Come

The Kingdom of God has come upon you. The Kingdom of God has broken into the house of the strong man, the kingdom of the devil, which ruled the world, and has plundered it and overtaken it, in Christ Jesus. The Kingdom of God did not ascend back up to heaven when Jesus ascended. It continues through the Church, which preaches the Word of God and administers His sacraments, bringing Christ to the world. In the church, the Kingdom of God still pushes back against the dark kingdom of the devil, overpowering it and bringing it to nothing. And on the last day we will see the Kingdom of God, fully revealed in the glory of Jesus. *Father in heaven, may Thy kingdom come into the whole world and be fully revealed for all to see in the glory of Your only-begotten Son our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 43 Light and Truth

Where the Light and Truth of God abound, there they lead us to the holy hill of the Lord. It is from the dwelling place of the Lord that His light and truth radiate out for all to see. Therefore, let us go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy! In His house is all light and truth. Darkness knows no place there, nor lies, nor falsehoods. Where His Word is truly proclaimed and His sacraments rightly administered, there is Light, Truth, and Salvation. There is Jesus Himself, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

O Lord, guides us all the days of our lives, continually bringing us before Your altar, until that day when we fully enter into the hill of the Lord and receive Life Everlasting. Amen.

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:1-9 The Love of Christ

Christ loved us in that while we were still enemies with God, He gave Himself up as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God on our behalf. Christ loved us in that He took upon Himself the sin of the world and bore it to the cross to pay its price. Christ loved us in that He went the extra mile, turned the other cheek, bore the burdens of His bride, the Church, out of pure, selfless love. It is the love that He has poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is the love with which we are called to love. It is love unknown by the world; it is the Love of Christ.

Dear Jesus, You have loved us to the end; fill our hearts with Your love, that we may love others as You love us. Amen.

WED

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 22:1-7 Our Mighty Fortress

A Mighty Fortress is our God! A trusty shield and weapon! It is the Lord Himself who fights for us! He is our Rock, our foundation, our fortress. He is our shield, our weapon, our victory! He has taken on our great enemies: sin, death, and the devil and He has conquered them all in glorious triumph! What can man do to me? What could anyone possibly do to me that could take this salvation from me? Nothing. Therefore, I will fear no evil. No hardship, no toil, no trouble, to pain, no anguish, not even death can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus. *O Lord, You loved us to the end and defeated our greatest foes; be ever my consolation in times of trouble and distress, for You are my deliverance. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 8:42-51 Truth At All Costs

Martin Luther once said, "peace if possible, but truth at all costs." All truth comes from God and anything that does not have its source and foundation in the Lord is a lie. Satan is the father of lies, who takes the Truth and twists it. We see many people now parading around as if lies were, in fact, the truth. They tell themselves and others that that is the case. If anything, however, contradicts God's Word, then it contradicts the Truth and the Truth must be spoken out against the Lie. Jesus Himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As for us, let us follow Him. *Lord Jesus, help us to walk in the light of Your truth. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 2:1-7 The Way of Love

The church at Ephesus was diligent in their works, patiently enduring, refusing to bear with those who persisted in evil, and rigorously upholding the pure teaching of doctrine. Only one thing did the Lord have against them: that in upholding all these, they had not love. They had abandoned the way of Love. They had become a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. Where love is lacking from any good work and from all pure doctrine, let that person repent and rekindle the Love of Christ! There Christ will freely forgive and restore that person in full love. *O Lord, forgive us for all the times we let love languish and restore us in Your perfect Love. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 86 Steadfast Love and Faithfulness

But You are a God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Steadfast love and faithfulness shown to us throughout His Holy Word! Steadfast love and faithfulness shown in the Death and Resurrection of our Lord! Steadfast love and faithfulness shown by reconciling us to Him! Steadfast love and faithfulness shown by making us His own children and heirs of eternal life! Steadfast love and faithfulness shown us in His body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins! Praise be to God for His steadfast love and faithfulness! *O Lord, prepare us in heart and mind to receive Your steadfast love and faithfulness tomorrow, in Word and Sacrament. Praise be to Thee. Amen.*