

<p>Welcome to Trinity</p>

#68 Three Admonitions to Pray so that We be Constant in Prayer

It would be possible to interpret the three statements (“Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”) to mean that He is repeating the same thing in different words to point to that constancy in prayer about which St. Paul admonishes in Romans 12:12: “Constant in prayer.” Then it would be equivalent to His saying: “It is not enough just to begin and to sigh once, to recite a prayer and then to go away. As your need is, so should your prayer be. Your need does not attack you once and then let you go. It hangs on, it falls around your neck again, and it refuses to let go. You act the same way! Pray continually, and seek and knock, too, and do not let go.” This is the lesson of the parable in Luke 18:1–8 about the widow. She was so persistent and importunate in her refusal to let go of the judge that he was overpowered and had to help her in spite of himself. How much more, Christ argues there (Luke 18:7), will God give us if He sees that we do not stop praying but go right on knocking so that He has to hear it? This is all the more so because He has promised to do so and shows that such persistence is pleasing to Him. Since your need goes right on knocking, therefore, you go right on knocking, too, and do not relent. For you have His Word, and He will have to say: “All right, then, you may have what you want.” St. James speaks of this in his Epistle when he says (James 5:16): “The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects” if it is serious and persistent; and in support of this he cites the example from the Scriptures of the prophet Elijah (James 5:16, 17). By urging you not only to ask but also to knock, God intends to test you to see whether you can hold on tight, and to teach you that your prayer is not displeasing to Him or unheard, simply because His answer is delayed and you are permitted to go on seeking and knocking. (Luther’s Works, v. 21, pages 234-235).

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2 Chronicles 29:12-19

¹² Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; ¹³ of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; ¹⁴ of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. ¹⁵ And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. ¹⁶ Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. ¹⁷ Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. ¹⁸ Then they went in to

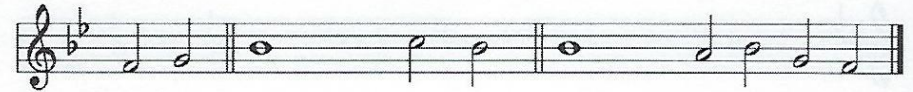
King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. ¹⁹ Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD."

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

St. Matthew 11:12-15

¹¹ "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"



Introit.

Ant. THE LORD || of Hosts is | with | us:

the God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

|| Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - :

and though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | sea.

Psalm. || God is our Refuge and | Strength | - :

a very present | help | in | trou- | ble.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Almighty God, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers, and by means of Thy servant Martin Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel: keep us, we beseech Thee, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word, and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.* ☩ *The Collect for the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession may also be used.*

Epistle. Revelation 14:6-7.

Gospel. Matthew 11:12-15.

Gradual.

|| Great is the Lord, and greatly to | be | praised:

in the city of our God, in the mountain of | His | hol- | i- | ness.

|| Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her | palac- | es:

that ye may tell it to the genera- | tion | fol- | low- | ing.

|| Hallelujah, Hallelujah. For this God is our God for ever and | ev- | er:

He will be our guide even unto death. | Hal- | le- | lu- jah.

If God Were Not Upon Our Side

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 2. But now no hu - man wit or might
 3. A - gainst our souls they rage and mock,
 4. They call us her - e - tics, and aye

When round us foes are rag - ing,
 His cho - sen peo - ple fright - eth,
 Ex - cit - ing great com - mo - tion;
 Their Christ - ian name are flaunt - ing;

Were not Him - self our help and guide
 God sit - teth in the high - est height,
 As bil - lows meet with an - gry shock
 They seek to spill our blood, while they

When bit - ter war they're wag - ing,
 And He their coun - sels blight - eth;
 Out on the stor - my o - cean,
 Their fear of God are vaunt - ing.

Were He not Is - rael's might - y shield,
 When craft - iest snares and nets they lay,
 So they our lives with fur - y seek;
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To whom their ut - most craft must yield,
 God doth His work an - oth - er way,
 But God hath pit - y on the weak,
 O'er many a wick - ed deed must shine,

We sure - ly must have per - ished,
 And makes a path be - fore us,
 And Him they have for - got - ten.
 But Thou wilt once a - venge it.

5. They open wide their ravenous jaws,
 And threaten to devour us,
 But thanks to God, who rules our cause,
 They shall not overpower us;
 Their snares He yet will bring to naught,
 And overthrow what they have taught;
 God is too mighty for them.

6. How richly He consoleth those
 Whom no one else befriendeth!
 The door of grace doth never close;
 Sense cannot comprehend it,
 How this may be, and deems all lost,
 When through this very cross a host
 Of champions God is raising.

7. Our foes, O God, are in Thy hand,
 Thou knowest their endeavor;
 But only give us strength to stand,
 And let us waver never,
 Though reason strives with
 faith, and still
 It fears to wholly trust Thy will,
 And sees not Thy salvation.

8. But heaven and earth, O Lord,
 are Thine,
 For Thou alone hast made them;
 Thy light let on Thy people shine,
 And in their sorrows aid them;
 Ignite our hearts to love and faith
 That shall be steadfast e'en to
 death,
 Howe'er the world may murmur!

Prayer for the Church

O ETERNAL AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we bless and praise You for all Your benefits, and especially for those mercies of the Reformation which we commemorate this day. Praise be to you that You did send forth Your only-begotten Son into the world to be the Propitiation for our sins, and didst institute the ministry of the Word to make known Your saving health among all nations. Praise be to You especially this day that, when the gross darkness of Roman popery covered the earth, You did kindle afresh the light of Your holy Word, and through your chosen vessel Martin Luther did teach our fathers once more the everlasting Gospel of salvation. Praise be to You that You have to this day preserved the goodly heritage, saved us from persecution, confusing creeds, and contemporary liturgies, defended churches and schools from the assaults of Satan, given strength and success to Your Word, and at all times provided faithful shepherds to feed Your flock in the pleasant pastures of Your Word. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We acknowledge and confess, in sincere repentance that by our own manifold sins, ingratitude, indifference, and unbelief, we have, indeed, deserved that you would justly hide Your face from us and visit us with a famine of Your Word. But we beseech You, O Lord, deal with us, not after our sins, but according to your infinite compassion. As you have promised, let not the gates of hell prevail against Your Church. Preserve us from human traditions and the doctrines of men, from strong delusions that subvert the foundation of truth and mislead men upon false ways. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant unto us peace and good government; Kindle in our president, Joe Biden, our governor, J.B. Pritzger, a love of that which is true and noble, that justice may be done, peace promoted, and mercy shown to all in need. Grant to your church throughout the world that, without restraint or hindrance, we may continually enjoy the blessings of Thy pure Word. Give zeal to all pastors in Christ and especially to those in the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America and our Bishop James Heiser, that they would boldly preach the Gospel and lead those entrusted to their care to do the same. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Preserve unto us and our children the pure and saving Gospel and the right use of the holy Sacraments till the end of days. Send us to this end at all times blameless teachers, able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of Your mysteries, and give them wisdom and boldness to proclaim Your salvation to many unto life. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us not misuse the Gospel unto false peace in a dead faith. Being kept by the light of truth, let us walk as the children of light. Let us be a city that is set on a hill to shine afar until the day of Christ's coming. Give us an increase of faith and of numbers. Restore all that are deceived by error, and give free course and strength to Your Word, that it may become known among the nations of the earth. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion, build up the walls of Jerusalem. Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Gird us with Your power, that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, until we shall obtain the crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven, for Your Son's sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Assistants

Elder – Tony Stretch (995-1379)
Altar Guild – Patty Kenner
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.



The Luther Bible 1534: The letter “V” to begin The Other Book of Moses (*Das Ander buch Mose*) or Exodus.

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