**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Second Sunday after Christmas January 2, 2022*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocatio*n -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Verse: Mark 10:14-15 –** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 128**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Second Sunday after Christmas – Luke 2:40-52 |
| Monday | The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents – Matthew 2:16-23 |
| Tuesday | The Boy Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52 |
| Wednesday | John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord – Matthew 3:1-12 |
| Thursday | **Epiphany – Matthew 2:1-12** |
| Friday | The Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17 |
| Saturday | Sunday OT – 1 Kings 3:4-15 |

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| **Catechism: Holy Baptism** | **Grades** |
| *What is Baptism?*Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word. | 3rd+ |
| *Which is that word of God?*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19) | K+ |
| *What benefits does Baptism give?* It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare. | 3rd+ |
| *Which are these words of God?*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.’ (Mark 16:16) | K+ |