The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 11C July 17, 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.*

Catechesis Notes for Week – Psalm 4 – “Psalm 4 is a psalm of comfort, and at the same time a psalm of prayer and instruction that teachers us to trust in God when things go wrong. It rebukes the ungodly, who concern themselves over vain gods and fleshly comfort, yet will not bear to wait confidently for God, who is the highest comfort. God surprises us by how He deals with His saints. At first, He abandons them and tries their faith and patience. On the other hand are the ungodly who want to have a full and secure belly. If anyone talks to them about faith and patience, they mock and despise Him and say, “Can this fool tell us what is good? Yes, you be patient until a roast chicken flies into your mouth. Trust in that and you will starve!”

 This psalm belongs to the First Commandment. It teaches and urges us to hop in God and endure hardship and every need with patience, and it rebukes the faithless and impatient. Psalm 4 is included in the Third and Seventh Petitions, in which we pray that God’s will be done and that we be delivered from evil. It can also be in the Fourth Petition, when we ask for our daily bread, that is, for peace and all the necessities of life in the face of every earthly need.” (From *Reading the Psalms with Luther*, pages 20-21)

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

**Verse:** **Luke 10:41-42** – But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 4**

**New Testament Stories Year III: Gospel of Luke**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Propers 11C – Luke 10:38-42 |
| Monday | The Ten Lepers are Cleansed – Luke 17:11-19 |
| Tuesday | The Kingdom of God – Luke 17:20-37 |
| Wednesday | The Parable of the Persistent Widow – Luke 18:1-8 |
| Thursday | The Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-17 |
| Friday | The Rich Young Ruler – Luke 18:18-34 |
| Saturday | Old Testament for Propers 11C – Genesis 18:(17-19)20-33 |

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| **Catechism: The Third Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| 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 | K+ |
| What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. | 1st+ |
| In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |