The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 15C Sunday, August 14, 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 8 – Psalm 8 appears to be one of the “nature psalms” in that nature reflects God’s glory, the works of His hands. In reality, though, Psalm 8 as the Psalm of the Day for Trinity Sunday, which is appropriate because the psalm proclaims the eternal and all-power rule and reign of Jesus. Luther says about Psalm 8: “This psalm is one of the beautiful psalms and a glorious prophecy about Christ, where David describes Christ’s person and kingdom and teaches who Christ is; what kind of kingdom He has and how it is formed; where this King rules, namely, in all lands and yet in heaven; and the means by which His kingdom is founded and regulated, namely, only through the Word and faith, without sword and armor.” (LW 12:98) Psalm 8 is also the first psalm in the psalter to be about the First Petition “Hallowed be Thy Name.”

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

**Verse:** **Deuteronomy 6:6 –** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 8**

**Year I – Catechism Stories: Third and Fourth Commandments**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Propers 15C – Luke 12:49-53 |
| Monday | **St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord – Luke 1:46-55** |
| Tuesday | The Boy Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:40-52 |
| Wednesday | Chapel – Isaiah 66:18-23 |
| Thursday | Mary Sits at Jesus’ Feet – Luke 10:38-42 |
| Friday | The Rebellion of Absolom – 2 Samuel 15:2-15; 18:6-15; 18:33-19:6 |
| Saturday | Ruth and Her Kinsman Redeemer – Ruth 1:1-19a; 4:1-10 |

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| **Catechism: Third and Fourth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The Third Commandment:  Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. | 2nd+ |
| The Fourth Commandment:  Honor your father and your mother | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. | 2nd+ |