The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 14C Sunday, August 7, 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 7 – it has been said by some commentators that Psalm 6 is like a “soft flute,” but that Psalm 7 is like a “trumpet of judgement.” It’s full of allusions to David’s life as written in 1 Samuel 24-26. David calls upon the Lord, the Judge of the universe, for personal aid. That’s because this conflict with Saul isn’t just struggle between two individuals. We see a struggle between the righteous (David) and the unrighteous or wicked (Saul). David pleads for God’s righteous judgement to help him because God’s justice destroys the unrepentant. That is why Psalm 7 is an example of the Sixth Petition because “although we are attacked by these things [false belief, despair, other great shame and vice], we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.”

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

**Verse:** **Luke 12:32 –** Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 7**

**Year I – Catechism Stories: First and Second Commandments**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Propers 14C – Luke 12:22-34 |
| Monday | Three Men in the Fiery Furnace – Daniel 2:1-30 |
| Tuesday | Daniel and the Lion’s Den – Daniel 6:1-24 |
| Wednesday | Chapel – Matthew 28:19-20 |
| Thursday | Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane –  Matthew 26:36-46 |
| Friday | Peter Denies His Lord – Matthew 26:69-75 |
| Saturday | OT – Jeremiah 23:16-29 |

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| **Catechism: First and Second Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The First Commandment:  You shall have no other gods | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. | 2nd+ |
| The Second Commandment:  You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks. | 2nd+ |