The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 17C August, 28, 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 10 –* Dr. Luther claims that, in this psalm, we have a description of the wicked in their opposition to God’s kingdom. Luther is not alone in this view. He follows S.t Augustine, in seeing that this psalm describes the antichrist, the wicked man, who is not very likely to convert. Now, had the wicked repented of their evil ways, the psalmist would have been exceeding joyful. As it stands though, this psalm is a lament. Yet, in our lamenting we see that “…the enemies of the kingdom of Christ can do no more than curse, that is, excommunicate and condemn; lie, that is bring about false doctrine and false worship; and deceive, that is, delude and make a fool of the world condemning its good, honor, power, body, and soul. But in the end, the psalm shows our comfort that such abomination shall perish with the end of the world.” (*Reading the Psalms with Luther* p32) This psalm is an example of the Seventh Petition, “But deliver us from evil.”

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

**Verse:** **Matthew 5:37 –** Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 10**

**Year I – Catechism Stories: Seventh and Eighth Commandments**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel 16C – Luke 13:22-30 |
| Monday | Abram Gives Lot the Choice of the Land –  Genesis 13:1-12 |
| Tuesday | Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’s House – Luke 19:1-10 |
| Wednesday | Chapel – Matthew 10:1-4; 4:18-19; 16:13-18 |
| Thursday | Bless Those Who Curse – Matthew 5:33-45 |
| Friday | Jesus Prays for His Enemies – Luke 23:33-43 |
| Saturday | Sunday OT – Proverbs 25:2-10 |

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| **Catechism: Seventh and Eighth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The Seventh Commandment:  You shall not steal | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income | 2nd+ |
| The Eighth Commandment:  You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way | 2nd+ |