The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 18C September 4, 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 the week – Psalm 11 – Enemies are closing in. Fear gives counsel to flee. What is David to do? He trusts in God’s providence. In trust and faith David will not flee. We will not flee from the Saul’s that hunt us down and the Absolom’s who raise armies against us. Our enemies are not flesh and blood, but the power of darkness who bend their bows and shoot at us. Yet we stand our ground and take refuge in the Lord whose throne is in heaven. The “Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.” (V 7). In the Old Testament we are told that none can see the face of God and live. So, when shall we behold his face? When we gaze upon the face of Jesus. “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him because we shall see him as he is.” (1 John 3:2). There in the resurrection we shall see the face of God and live.

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

**Verse:** Matthew 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week:**

**Year I – Catechism Stories: Ninth and Tenth Commandments**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel 18C – Luke 14:25-35 |
| Monday | Ahab Covets Naboth’s Vineyard – 1 Kings 22:1-16 |
| Tuesday | The Fall of Man Into Sin – Genesis 3:1-8 |
| Wednesday | Chapel – Matthew 10:1-4; 4:18-19; 16:13-18 |
| Thursday | Confess Christ, Take Up Your Cross, and Follow Him –  Matthew 10:32-39 |
| Friday | The Rich Young Ruler – Mark 10:17-31 |
| Saturday | Sunday OT – Ezekiel 34:11-24 |

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| **Catechism: Ninth and Tenth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The Ninth Commandment:  You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. | 2nd+ |
| The Tenth Commandment:  You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. | 2nd+ |