The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for St. James of Jerusalem October 23, 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 17 – The Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer in the Small Catechism says “with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father.” That is what David is doing in Psalm 17. David has an open and honest communication with God. David lays it all out: from the pressure from his enemies bombarding him and threatening his life. Yet, David has not succumbed to their pressure. He is still righteous in the eyes of God, even at night when one’s real thoughts are hard to hide. In that righteousness the psalmist gives God permission to act on his behalf. The psalmist knows the ultimate outcome of Gods’ interceding – seeing God’s face in righteousness when he awakes from the slumber of death.

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

**Verse:** John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 17**

**Year I – Old Testament Stories: Year 1**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **St. James of Jerusalem – Matthew 13:54-58** |
| Monday | Abram Rescues Lot and Pays a Tithe to Melchizedek –  Genesis 14:8-23 |
| Tuesday | God’s Covenant with Abram: The Promise of a Son –  Genesis 15:1-6 |
| Wednesday | Hagar and Ismael – Genesis 16:1-16 |
| Thursday | Circumcision and Abram’s Name Change as Signs of the Covenant – Genesis 17:1-11 |
| Friday | **St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles – John 15:17-21** |
| Saturday | The Three Visitors – Genesis 18:1-15 |

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| **Catechism: Second Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come to judge the living and the dead. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death | 1st+ |
| that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.  This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |