The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers Reformation (Observed) October 30, 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 18 – The 18th psalm is a psalm of thanks in which, as the title declares, David thanks God that He has delivered him from all his enemies, such as Saul, the heathen, Absalom, and the rebellious Israelites. David relates that he was in deadly distress and that God had helped him out of them. In the manner of a prophet he shows how God helped him as God had helped Israel in Egypt. He praises God, who held back his enemies, and thanks God for His help against the disobedient and the rebels, such as were Seba and most of Israel (2 Samuel 20). David had so many enemies and hostile subjects, that even the heathen foreigners (he says here) were more obedient than his own children.

Consequently, everyone needs to keep this psalm as an example of how we should thank God for His help when He delivers us out of our troubles. Whoever wants to explain this psalm spiritually may think of David as a Christian, standing against the heathens, the tyrants, the heretics, and the false Christians. From all of these, Christ and all His people will finally be delivered. Psalm 18 belongs in the Second Commandment and in the First Petition, because it thanks God and praises His holy name. [Concordia Publishing House *Reading the Psalms with Luther* p 45-46]

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

**Verse:** John 6:63 – It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 18**

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

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Reformation (Observed) – John 8:31-36** |
| Monday | Abraham Prays for Sodom – Genesis 18:16-33 |
| Tuesday | **All Saints’ Day – Matthew 5:1-12** |
| Wednesday | Sodom and Gomorrah Are Destroyed – Genesis 19:1, 12-29 |
| Thursday | Abraham and Abimelech – Genesis 20:1-18 |
| Friday | Isaac Is Born and Ishmael Is Cast Out – Genesis 12:1-21 |
| Saturday | The Sacrifice of Isaac – Abraham’s Faith Is Revealed - Genesis 22:1-19 |

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| **Catechism: Third Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. | 1st+ |
| In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.  This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |