The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 21C September 25, 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 14 starts by saying, “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’” In Scripture to be a fool or to act foolishly is something that is chosen. The fool is willfully blind and deaf to God and His Word. He is an atheist who argues that there is no God as an excuse to continue doing evil because He doesn't want to know God or His goodness. The fool backs up his view by saying, “They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.” The person isn’t a fool because they are an atheist. Rather, they are an atheist because they are a fool. He has chosen to turn his back on God. Paul in Romans 3, quotes Psalm 14 to show that all mankind is under sin. Thanks be to God that Jesus has overcome the evil one and has restored us to the state of wisdom, and the fear of the Lord. We pray with the Psalmist that the Lord will continue to do this mighty saving work. Psalm 14 is an example of the Second Petition, where we pray for God’s kingdom to come and that others would believe.

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

**Verse:** John 1:1-2 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: 14**

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

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel 20C – Luke 16:19-31 | |
| Monday | The First Promise of Salvation – Genesis 3:8-15 | |
| Tuesday | The Curse of the Fall – Genesis3:16-24 | |
| Wednesday | Cain Murders Abel and the Birth of Seth –  Genesis 4:1-18; 25-26 | |
| Thursday | **St. Michael and All Angels – Matthew 18:1-11** | |
| Friday | The Flood: Wickedness of Man and God’s Judgement – Genesis 6:5-22 | |
| Saturday | The Flood: The Rains Fall for Forty Days and Forty Nights – Genesis 7:1-24 | |
| **Catechism: First Article of the Creed** | | **Grades** |
| I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. | | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. | | 1st+ |
| He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. | | 2nd+ |