The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers Ad Te Levavi (First Sunday in Advent) November 27, 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 22 - “This psalm reflects a time in the life of David in which he was hated, persecuted, and despised. But it is finally not David who speaks but David’s greater Son. In his suffering, David serves as a type of the Christ. David cries out in anguish with the words Christ Himself would later use. Thus we hear of one who is despised, rejected, and scorned as one considered far less than human by his tormentors. From the anguished soul of His prophet David, we hear the voice of the Savior of the world. From the depths of David’s time of despair came his ultimate glory when he finally claimed his throne. So we who follow Jesus to a cross, a tomb, and the resurrection look forward to the time when He claims His throne and all creation proclaims Him as King of kings.” (Gard, Daniel *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy-Lent Preaching & Worship Resource* p. 49-50)

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** Romans 14:17 – For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 22**

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

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Ad Te Levavi – Matthew 21:1-9** |
| Monday | Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt – Genesis 39:1-23 |
| Tuesday | Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison – Genesis 40:1-23 |
| Wednesday | **St. Andrew, Apostle – John 1:35-42a** |
| Thursday | Joseph Interprets Pharaoh’s Dreams – Genesis 41:1-36 |
| Friday | Joseph Becomes the Prince of Egypt – Genesis 41:37-57 |
| Saturday | Joseph’s Brothers Journey to Egypt to Buy Food – Genesis 42:1-24 |

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| **Catechism: Second and Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| *The Second Petition*  Thy kingdom come | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also | 1st+ |
| *How does God’s kingdom come?*  God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. | 2nd+ |
| *The Third Petition*  Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also | 1st+ |
| *How is God’s will done?*  God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.  This is His good and gracious will. | 3rd+ |