The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 22, 2023*

*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 29 -* The 29th psalms is a prophecy of the Gospel, that it shall resound with power throughout the world and overthrow the wisdom and renown of all kings, princes, lords, and peoples, and Christ alone shall be the only King. He shall be served and glorified with true wisdom and holiness. Therefore, He established the flood, Baptism, in which the old Adam is drowned and the new man arises. He gives the name of deserts, florists, and deer to the lands of the earth that were under Jew or Gentile and that have been opened and converted to the Gospel. This psalm belongs in the Third Commandment and in the Second Petition. [*Reading the Psalms with Luther* p 70]

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** Psalm 51:1 – Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 29**

**Year I – Old Testament Stories Continued**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Epiphany 3 – Matthew 8:1-13 |
| Monday | Moses Flees to Midian – Exodus 2:11-25 |
| Tuesday | I AM Appears to Moses in the Burning Bush –  Exodus 3:1-17 |
| Wednesday | **St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor – Titus 1:1-9** |
| Thursday | The Lord Goes with Moses to Egypt – Exodus 4:1-31 |
| Friday | Moses Goes to Pharaoh – Exodus 5:1-23 |
| Saturday | The Lord Promises Deliverance – Exodus 6:1-13 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of Confession** | **Grades** |
| *What is Confession?*  Confession is two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven. | K+ |
| *What sins should we confess?*  Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts. | 2nd+ |
| *Which are these?*  Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm? | 3rd+ |