The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers The Baptism of Our Lord January 8, 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 27 – “one of the themes that weaves its way through Psalm 27 is the belief that true salvation is to be found only in the presence of Yhwh. The speaker desires to dwell in the house of Yhwh so that he can see “the beauty of Yhwh” (27:4). And he knows that in His house, Yhwh will protect him from his enemies (27:4-6). When he feels threatened, he is determined to seek Yhwh’s presence, and he asks Yhwh not to hide His presence from him or to forsake him (27:8-9). And the final encouragement from the speaker is to “wait for Yhwh” (27:14). From Saleska, Timothy *Concordia Commentary: Psalms 1-50* page 464

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** Acts 22:16b – Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 27**

**Year I – Post-Christmas Stories – Yearly**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17** |
| Monday | The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents – Matthew 2:16-23 |
| Tuesday | The Boy Jesus in the Temple – Luke 2:41-52 |
| Wednesday | **Wednesday of Epiphany – Luke 2:42-53** |
| Thursday | John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord – Matthew 3:1-12 |
| Friday | The Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:13-17 |
| Saturday | Second Sunday after the Epiphany OT – 1 Kings 8:6-13 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism** | **Grades** |
| *How can water do such great things?*  Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: | 3rd+ |
| **“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit** | K+ |
| **Whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior** | 1st+ |
| **so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5-8)** | 2nd+ |