The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Cantate Sunday*

*May 7, 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 – **To Youth***—  “Submission” and “humility” are not terms that any of us naturally gravitate toward. The sinful flesh wants to submit to no one and is filled with arrogance and pride. If the sinful flesh doesn’t get its way, it rebels. Where does the will to “submit” and “humble one’s self” come from? It comes from faith in the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus submitted Himself as a young man, because He trusted in His Father who promised to do good through His submission. He humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross because, He trusted His Father to do good through His suffering. When youth are admonished to submit to their elders and humble themselves before them, they are really being invited to trust God to do them good in their office as youth, even though they may have to endure things that they don’t agree with or enjoy. The way of faith is always the way of deference toward others. This we learn to believe through the faithful reception of the Gospel and Sacrament of our Lord.  [Reprinted from Lutheran Catechesis: Catechist Edition]*

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** John 14:2 – In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 34**

**Year I – New Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Cantate Gospel – John 16:5-15 |
| Monday | Jesus Cleanses a Leper – Matthew 8:1-4 |
| Tuesday | Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant – Matthew 8:5-13 |
| Wednesday | Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-law – Matthew 8:14-22 |
| Thursday | Jesus Stills the Storm – Matthew 8:23-27 |
| Friday | Two Demon-Possessed Men Are Healed – Matthew 8:28-34 |
| Saturday | Rogate OT – Numbers 21:4-9 |

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| **Catechism: Table of Duties** | **Grades** |
| *To Employers and Supervisors:*  Ephesians 6:9 – Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him. | 3rd+ |
| *To Youth:*  1 Peter 5:5-6 – Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. | 1st |